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PRESS RELEASE

**Japanese Government Funds Project for Improving Disaster Resilience and
Emergency Shelter Management in Nevis Island**

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) entitled “Project for Improving Disaster Resilience and Emergency Shelter Management in Nevis Island” took place at 10:15 a.m. on March 15, 2017 at the Emergency Operations Centre, Nevis Disaster Management Department, Long Point, Charlestown, Nevis. The Government of Japan awarded grant aid to Nevis Disaster Management Department to the value of US\$370,529 to assist in their project objectives, which focus on Disaster Risk Management across twelve communities on the Nevis island.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, and Mr. Wakely Daniel, Permanent Secretary, Premier's Ministry, Nevis Island Administration. Also in attendance were, Dr. Ernie Stapleton, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Works, Public Utilities, Posts, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Environment, Mr. Keith Glasgow, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Development, Youth, Sports, Community Development & Basic Needs Trust Fund and Mr. Brian Dyer, Director, Nevis Disaster Management Department, who signed the grant contract with Mr. Sato, in the presence of invited guests and the media.

Mr. Masatoshi Sato, during his speech, highlighted that the Embassy of Japan fully endorses this initiative that will see extensive infrastructural improvements to ten existing community centres, among others. Mr. Sato also conveyed that the Government of Japan was pleased, to be a part of this project, supporting the Nevis Disaster Management Department’s invaluable work of protecting community residents through strengthening the resilience of the Nevis island against natural disasters.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.

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Mr. Wakely Daniel, Permanent Secretary, Premier's Ministry, Nevis Island Administration during his opening remarks at the Signing Ceremony.



Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, presenting the feature speech at the Signing Ceremony held at the Emergency Operations Centre, Nevis Disaster Management Department.



Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan and Mr. Brian Dyer, Director, Nevis Disaster Management Department during the signing of the Grant Contracts.



Mr. Brian Dyer, Director, Nevis Disaster Management Department and Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan after the signing of grant contracts.



Mr. Brian Dyer, Director, Nevis Disaster Management Department (centre) and Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan (right) flanked by Permanent Secretaries of the Nevis Island Administration, Mr. Keith Glasgow (right) and Mr. Wakely Daniel (left), along with other specially invited guest.



Mr. Brian Dyer, Director, Nevis Disaster Management Department and Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan at one of the community centres set to benefit from the grant funding.

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