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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Procurement of Ambulance for the Saint Lucia Red Cross Society

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Procurement of an Ambulance for the Saint Lucia Red Cross Society” took place at 2:00 p.m. on October 27, 2015, at the Saint Lucia Red Cross Headquarters, Vigie.

The Government of Japan provided grant assistance of up to US \$60,213 to the Saint Lucia Red Cross Society for the procurement of an ambulance, which will be used to provide rapid response first aid services.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan and Mrs. Okada. Also in attendance were, Mr. Kenneth Monplaisir, President of the Saint Lucia Red Cross and Dr. Glensford Joseph, District Medical Officer & Health Disaster Coordinator, Ministry of Health, along with invited guests and media representatives.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada expressed his thanks to the Saint Lucia Red Cross Society for their efforts in successfully procuring the ambulance vehicle. He also highlighted the need for an efficient, operational ambulance service and the expectation that this project will help improve the medical services and emergency response of the Saint Lucia Red Cross Society.

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

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