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PRESS RELEASE

Attendance of Counsellor Yakabe at the Handover Ceremony for the Donation of Solar Lanterns from the Panasonic Corporation to the Republic of Guyana

The handover ceremony for the donation of lanterns from the Panasonic Corporation to the Republic of Guyana was held on February 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Guyana. The Panasonic Corporation in Japan donated 120 lanterns to the Republic of Guyana as part of its “100 Thousand Solar Lanterns Project”. The lanterns were handed over to the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education through the UNDP Guyana office, and will be further distributed to health and education facilities.

Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, attended the ceremony in support of the initiative. Also in attendance were the Honourable Winston Jordan, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Nicolette Henry, Minister of Education, the Honourable Dr. Karen Cummings, Minister within the Ministry of Public Health, and Ms. Mikiko Tanaka, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative accredited to the Republic of Guyana.

In his remarks, Counsellor Yakabe noted that the contribution “is a praiseworthy example of corporate social responsibility” and commended the Panasonic Corporation on its mission of supporting sustainable development through the project. He encouraged Panasonic to continue to collaborate with the UNDP and other organizations to help build sustainable societies.

The Government of Japan welcomes opportunities which support the Caribbean region in advancing sustainable development through continued cooperation.

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Ms. Mikiko Tanaka presenting a solar lantern