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PRESS RELEASE

Completion Ceremony for School Renovation Project in Saint Vincent

The Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Renovation of St. Mary’s Roman Catholic School” was held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at St. Mary’s Roman Catholic School, Kingstown, Saint Vincent.

In February of this year, St. Mary’s Roman Catholic School received a grant of US \$32,047 from the Government of Japan which allowed the school to carry out crucial renovations on one of its buildings. The project was successfully completed in time for the current school term and has helped to enhance the safety of the school’s physical structure. It is hoped that this new renovated structure will create a more conducive learning environment and thereby contribute to an improved quality of education for the school’s more than 600 current students and countless future students.

Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan, delivered remarks on behalf of his Government and expressed his great satisfaction in seeing the substantial difference that the grant had made for the school and its current students and teachers. He added that as education plays an essential role in brushing up the next generation who shoulder the future of this country, there would still be a need for continued efforts in properly maintaining and effectively utilizing the renovated school in such a way that future generations could also benefit from it and go on to contribute to the future development of the country.

Ms. Eula Johnny, Principal of St. Mary’s RC School, commended the Japanese Government and People on its commitment to improving education conditions and its generosity and support for the People of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Words of appreciation were also expressed by Monsignor Michael Stewart, Cathedral Administrator and School Manager; Fr. Peter Okonkwo, School Chaplain; as well as representatives from the Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation, Ecclesiastical Affairs and Information and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade & Commerce.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the People of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between the two countries.

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Ambassador Hirayama delivers remarks on behalf of the Japanese Government



Ms. Eula Johnny, Principal, delivers remarks



Attendees at the ceremony



New staircase and banister, which were included as part of the renovation



Ceremonial cutting of the ribbon by Ambassador Hirayama



Ambassador Hirayama and Ms. Johnny with students of St. Mary's RC School

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