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**Signing Ceremony for Japan's Grant Aid for Grenada provided under  
The Economic and Social Development Programme (Procurement of Fisheries Equipment)**

On October 17, the Signing Ceremony for the Exchange of Notes for Japanese Grant aid valued at two hundred million Japanese Yen (¥ 200,000,000) was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grenada. The Notes were signed and exchanged between Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan, and the Honourable Peter David, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Hirayama mentioned the importance of the sustainable use of marine resources for island countries such as Japan and Grenada, and added that based on their shared values, Japan has made fisheries a priority area of assistance. Ambassador Hirayama expressed his conviction that the support given by this grant aid would further strengthen the relationship between the two countries, and noted the importance of effectively using and properly maintaining the equipment to be procured.

Foreign Minister David expressed his gratitude for Japan's support for Grenada, including the current grant assistance. The Minister then acknowledged the importance of the fisheries sector to Japan's development cooperation. Minister David also noted his desire to proceed with the development of coastal areas and promoting the sustainable use of marine resources by utilizing its vast economic zones, as well as to monitor the proper use and management of the equipment provided.

The Government of Japan will continue to support the areas of disaster prevention, environment, energy, waste treatment and fisheries in order to promote friendly relations and mutual understanding with Caribbean countries, and to overcome the vulnerabilities inherent to small island countries.

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*The Honourable Peter David and His Excellency Ambassador Hirayama  
sign the Exchange of Notes*



*His Excellency Ambassador Hirayama and the Honourable Peter David  
congratulate each other after signing the Exchange of Notes*