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PRESS RELEASE

Signing ceremony for renovation of educational facility in Guyana

The Signing Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Expansion of Volunteer Youth Corps Youth Center” was held at 10:00 am on Friday 7 February 2020 at the Volunteer Youth Corps building in Georgetown, Guyana.

Volunteer Youth Corps Inc. (VYC) will receive a grant of US \$95,269 for the renovation and expansion of the Volunteer Youth Corps Youth Centre building, in order to create more ample classroom space to carry out VYC’s activities and provide educational support to youth in Guyana. This Project will be the third time that the Embassy is collaborating with VYC through GGP, following previous grant contracts signed in 2004 and 2008 to carry out projects in information and communication technology and infectious disease control.

The Grant Contract was signed by Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama on behalf of the Government of Japan as Donor, and Ms. Goldie Scott, Chief Executive Officer of VYC, on behalf of the Recipient. Also in attendance were: Mr. Forbes July, Director of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorary Consul General for Japan in Guyana; Mr. Ron Robinson, Vice Chairman of the Board of VYC; Mr. Samuel Johnson of SAEA Construction, Project Contractor; and members of the media.

In his remarks, Ambassador Hirayama noted the importance of placing focus on developing the capacity of the younger generation adding that VYC and its center, through its activities like training and mentorship for vulnerable youth, would be able to assist them. Mr. July thanked the Government of Japan for its contribution, recognizing the country as one of Guyana’s key development partners over the years.

That day, Ambassador Hirayama also paid a courtesy call on Honorable Dawn Hastings-Williams, Minister within the Ministry of the Presidency with responsibility for Public Affairs. He expressed his gratitude for her attendance at the Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor last October and exchanged ideas about capacity-building for young people through training programs.

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

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Ambassador Hirayama delivers remarks



Mr. Forbes July, Director of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, extends words of appreciation to the Government of Japan



The Grant Contract is signed by Ambassador Hirayama along with Ms Goldie Scott, CEO of VYC



Left to right: Mr. Forbes July, Director of the Department of International Cooperation; Ms. Goldie Scott, CEO of VYC; Ambassador Hirayama; Mr. Samuel Johnson of SAEA Construction, Project Contractor; Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorary Consul General for Japan in Guyana



VYC Youth Center, which will be renovated under the project



Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams and Ambassador Hirayama during his courtesy call

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