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PRESS RELEASE

Signing ceremony for renovation of hurricane shelters and storm drain in Dominica

The Signing Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for Renovation of Hurricane Shelters and Storm Drain in Dominica” was held at 10:00am on Friday 29 January 2021. The Signing Ceremony was held online with the parties participating from Port of Spain and Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica.

Dominica Association of Local Community Authorities Inc. will receive a grant of US \$148,824 for the renovation of two hurricane shelters and a storm drain, in order to mitigate natural disasters and enhance resilience in Dominica. This Project is now the third time that the Embassy has collaborated with DALCA through GGP, as two similar grant contracts were previously signed in 2015 and 2018.

The Grant Contract was signed by Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama on behalf of the Government of Japan as Donor, and Mr. Yoland Jno-Jules, President/Chairman of DALCA, on behalf of the Recipient. Also in attendance were His Worship Titus Francis, Mayor of Portsmouth; Ms. Nalda Jubenot, Assistant Local Government Commissioner; Mr. Gerard Cools-Lartigue, Honorary Consul-General for Japan in Dominica; Mr. Nobuaki Hanawa, First Secretary at the Embassy; and Mr. Hiroki Maruno, Political Advisor.

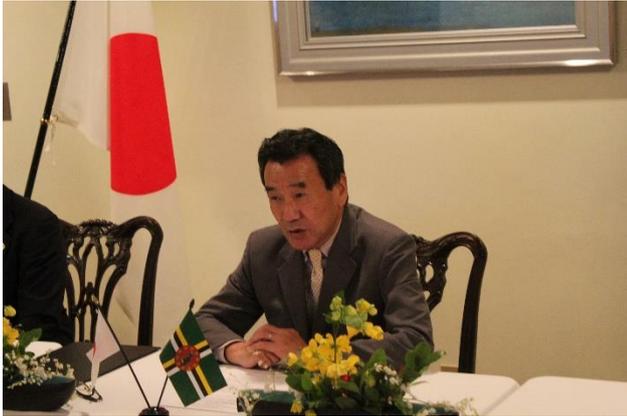
Ambassador Hirayama, while noting that he was pleased to hold this Signing Ceremony, stated that because the pandemic had provided the world with further complicated and challenging tasks, this Project had even greater significance. He went on to add that he would want to continue to strengthen the countries’ bilateral relations, which have been excellent for a long time based on shared universal values and principles, including sustainable use of living marine resources. The Ambassador emphasized that, since the funding would come from his Government’s budget, the Embassy must be accountable for it and would therefore expect for DALCA to complete the Project as scheduled and utilize it effectively.

Expressions of gratitude were shared by several ceremony participants including, Mr. Yoland Jno-Jules, Grant Contract signatory, and Mayor Titus Francis, who is also Secretary of DALCA. The Mayor, for his part, assured that DALCA would remain committed to close collaboration with the Embassy in order to achieve the successful implementation of the project. Ms. Vincienne George, Administrative and Technical Officer, gave an overview of the project objectives, noting the high-impact that it would have on local communities in Dominica.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the People of Dominica, 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. Yoland Jno-Jules thanks the Government of Japan



The Grant Contact is signed by Ambassador Hirayama



The Grant Contact is signed by Mr. Jno-Jules



Virtual handshake after the signing of the contract



Participants in the signing ceremony:

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