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PRESS RELEASE

Completion ceremony for renovation of educational facility in Guyana

The Completion 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 18 June 2021 at the newly renovated Volunteer Youth Corps building in Georgetown, Guyana, with virtual participation from Port of Spain by the Embassy of Japan.

In February 2020, Volunteer Youth Corps Inc. (VYC) received a grant of US \$95,269 for the renovation and expansion of the Volunteer Youth Corps Youth Centre building, creating more ample classroom space to carry out VYC’s activities and provide educational support to youth in Guyana. This Project was the third collaboration between VYC and GGP, following previous grants provided in 2004 and 2008.

Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama attended the ceremony virtually and delivered remarks on behalf of his Government. Also in attendance were: the Honorable Charles Ramson Jr., Minister of Culture Youth and Sports; 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; and Ms. Goldie Scott, Chief Executive Officer of VYC.

In his remarks, Ambassador Hirayama expressed sympathies to the Government and people Guyana following the recent flooding across the country. He also noted the global health, social and economic crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and highlighted various forms of assistance being provided by Japan to counter those challenges. The Ambassador commended VYC for overcoming the pandemic to complete the project and reiterated the importance of the new facility being effectively and efficiently used to sustain the sound development of youth.

Minister Ramson, for his part, thanked the Government of Japan for its contribution and assured the Ambassador of his Government’s continued commitment to cooperation with Japan. He recognized VYC as a state asset, which was doing the essential work of providing opportunities for young people who pursue non-traditional paths, and he stressed the importance of collaborative work in order to have long-lasting and meaningful impact. He confirmed that youth development was a focal point in his government’s mandate and said that his Ministry was committed to supporting various programmes offered by VYC.

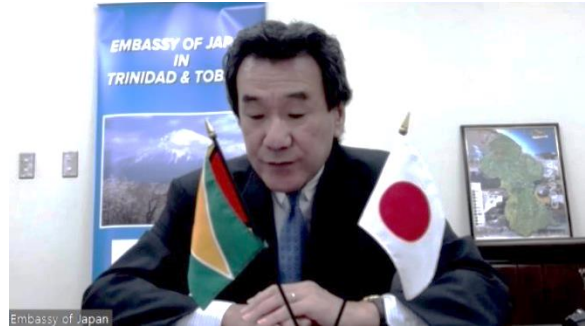
The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the People of Guyana, with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.

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The ribbon is cut by Minister Ramson, Mr. Kashir Khan and Ms. Goldie Scott



Ambassador Hiramasa delivers remarks



Minister Ramson delivers remarks



Ms. Goldie Scott delivers remarks



Photo of VYC Youth Center prior to renovation



Photo of VYC Youth Center after renovation

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