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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Handover of Fisheries Equipment Procured under Japan's Grant Aid**

The Handover Ceremony for fisheries equipment procured under Japan's Grant aid for the "Economic and Social Development Programme" took place at 08:30 a.m. on October 27, 2022 at the Melville Street Fish Market in St. George's, Grenada. During the ceremony, three (3) freezer trucks and sixteen (16) ice-making machines were handed over to the Government of Grenada.

The Government of Japan was represented by Mr. KAMADA Yasuhiko, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Japan, who was joined by the Honourable Joseph ANDALL, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development and Senator the Honourable Adrian Augustine THOMAS, Minister of State with responsibility for Agriculture and Lands, Fisheries and Cooperatives of Grenada.

Japan's Grant Aid to Grenada under the "Economic and Social Development Programme" was formalized by an Exchange of Notes between the Governments of both countries on October 17, 2019, and is valued at two hundred million Japanese Yen (¥ 200,000,000) or approximately 1.8 million US Dollars. The procured equipment is expected to increase the operational capacity and efficiency of Grenada's fisheries sector. The Government of Japan is hopeful that the equipment will be well maintained and used for many years to come, not only for the benefit of the current generation, but also for generations to come.

Minister ANDALL and Minister of State THOMAS expressed their sincere gratitude to the people and Government of Japan for their long-standing and varied cooperation in the fields of fisheries, infrastructure, and human resource development, among others. Both representatives underscored the importance of the fishery industry for the economy as well as the people of Grenada, and confirmed to appropriately maintain the donated equipment to extend its usefulness for the longest possible time.

Grenada and Japan have enjoyed friendship and cooperative ties for nearly half a century based on shared universal values including human rights, democracy, rule of law and the sustainable use of marine living resources. The Government of Japan will continue to offer its support in various areas such as disaster prevention, environment, energy, waste management and fisheries in order to promote resilience and prosperity in Caribbean countries, further enhancing the cooperative and friendly relations between our countries.

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