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PRESS RELEASE

Handover Ceremony for Medical Equipment procured under Japanese Grant Aid **‘Economic and Social Development Programme’**

The Handover Ceremony for medical equipment procured under Japanese Grant Aid ‘Economic and Social Development Programme’ took place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 23, 2024 at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital in Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Among the medical equipment handed over were a mobile x-ray machine, bedside monitor, defibrillator, electrocardiograph, blood gas analyser, automated external defibrillator, suction machine and autoclave.

The Government of Japan was represented by His Excellency MATSUBARA Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan. Representing Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were the Honourable St. Clair Prince, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Mr. David Latchman, Health Planner, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment and Dr. Grace Walters, Hospital Administrator, Milton Cato Memorial Hospital.

The Government of Japan’s grant aid project ‘Economic and Social Development Programme’ was formalized by an exchange of notes between Japan and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on June 16, 2021 and valued at 200 million Japanese Yen or approximately 1.4 million US dollars.

The Government of Japan will continue to offer development cooperation across various areas including disaster prevention, environment, energy, waste management and fisheries in order to promote resilience and prosperity in Caribbean countries and to further enhance the cooperative and friendly relations.



Ambassador Matsubara hands a medical device to the Honourable St. Clair Prince.



Ambassador Matsubara and the Honourable St. Clair Prince shake hands.



Dr. Grace Walters delivers a vote of thanks.

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