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PRESS RELEASE

Media Launch for Japan Funded Project
“Strengthening Digital Inclusion among Vulnerable Groups in
Trinidad and Tobago”

On Monday September 16, 2024, His Excellency MATSUBARA Yutaka attended the media launch for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) executed project “Strengthening Digital Inclusion among Vulnerable Groups in Trinidad and Tobago” at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Centre, Trinidad and Tobago. The project is valued at US\$572,200 and is funded by the IDB-administered Japan Special Fund.

In attendance at the event were Mr. Cory Belfon, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Digital Transformation, Ms. Carina Cockburn, IDB Country Representative, senior officials of government ministries of Trinidad and Tobago, and representatives of various civil society organizations.

During their remarks, Ambassador Matsubara, Mr. Belfon and Ms. Cockburn all underscored the significance of this project, which seeks to enhance the digital inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWD), rural communities and to build government capacity to improve digital access among the elderly. Ambassador Matsubara also expressed his confidence that the Japan Special Fund will continue to fund valuable and relevant projects in the future.

The Government of Japan will continue to offer its support across multiple areas of cooperation with Caribbean countries in order to overcome the vulnerabilities inherent to small island countries as well as to promote friendly relations and mutual understanding.



Ambassador Matsubara shakes hands with Mr. Cory Belfon and Ms. Carina Cockburn



Ambassador Matsubara, Mr. Belfon and Ms. Cockburn pose with representatives of civil society organizations

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