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PRESS RELEASE

Handing over ceremony for Vocational Training Facility expansion in Grenada

The Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP), “The Project for the Expansion of Grey’s Training and Certification Center” was held on Thursday, July 17, 2025. Initiated in 2023, the project aimed to expand the training capacity at a government-recognized vocational training center, with grant funding of US \$118,117 provided by the Government of Japan.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. UMEZAWA Akima, Ambassador of Japan, along with Mrs. Lyndonna Hillaire-Marshall, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Public Administration; Ms. Kim Frederick, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports; Dr. Kemoy Edwards, CEO of the Grenada National Training Agency; and Mrs. Beverly Grey, Manager of Grey’s Training and Certification Center.

In his remarks, Ambassador Dr. UMEZAWA expressed the anticipation the Government of Japan holds for the center’s trajectory in youth professional training in Grenada. He celebrated the center’s contributions in forging career paths for the youth and economic growth in Grenada. Furthermore, he explained that the project completion marked a particularly special milestone as Japan and Grenada celebrate their 50th anniversary of bilateral relations this year. Alluding to the role of human resource development in Japan as a critical economic resource, he emphasized the resonance of the project as well as the symbolic significance it brings in bridging a meaningful relationship with the two countries in advancing such economic resources.

Dr. Kemoy Edwards thanked the Government of Japan’s continued investment in the capacity building of Grenada. She stated that the project allows the legacy-bearing institution to further diversify and strengthen its’ training, aligning Grenada’s growth initiatives to the global economy. She further acknowledged that the grassroots contribution will bolster the center’s quality of education in creating the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs and community leaders who will drive and transform Grenada’s economy.

Mrs. Beverly Grey also gave her remarks expressing her gratitude to the Government of Japan, the Ministry of Education in Grenada, the National Training Agency, as well as individual parties who made the expansion possible. She stated that the project had opened a new chapter in the center’s 38 years of history by furthering their journey to unlock the doors of career development to every citizen in Grenada.

The Government of Japan welcomes continued collaboration with Grenada, with the aim of strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between the two nations.



Mrs. Beverly Grey, Manager of Grey's Training and Certification Center delivers remarks.



Ambassador UMEZAWA Akima delivers remarks.



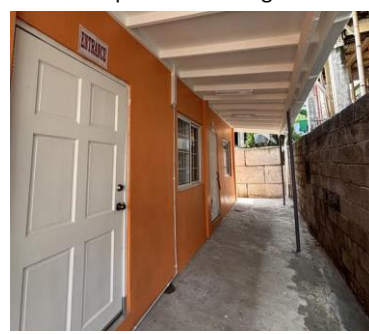
Mrs. Grey and Ambassador UMEZAWA Akima unveil the plaque.



Mrs. Grey and Ambassador UMEZAWA Akima cut the ribbon to commission the expanded building.



Interiors of the new classrooms.



Exteriors of the new building.

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