

## **Japan hands over Two Flagship Incident Command Vehicles and One Toyota Hiace Panel Van and other Resources to the Jamaica Fire Brigade**

On Wednesday, June 21, 2017, Ambassador Masanori Nakano, attended the two-fold hand-over ceremony of vehicles and other related resources to the Jamaica Fire Brigade at the York Park Fire Station in Kingston.

Two (2) of three incident command vehicles were provided under the Four Hundred and Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty One United States Dollars (UUSD\$407,121.00) Non-Project Grant Aid for the Provision of Industrial Products which were manufactured at the factories located in some of the Japanese regions where the massive earthquake and tsunami struck in March 2011. Another one command vehicle will arrive at Kingston in late this year.

Additionally, the financial assistance of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two United States Dollars (USD\$121,622.00) was made possible through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots & Human Security Projects Programme (GGP) to procure one (1) Toyota Hiace Panel Vehicle, acquire repair parts for fire hydrants, and purchase GPS machines that were used to carry out repair works for almost 900 fire hydrants across Jamaica.

Mr. Raymond Spencer, the Acting Commissioner of Jamaica Fire Brigade told the gathering that this event was another prestigious presentation ceremony to receive gifts from the Government of Japan which came right after another similar occasion one (1) month ago when the St. Elizabeth Municipal Corporation – Jamaica Fire Brigade also received three (3) fire trucks and (1) water tank. He noted that these vehicles and resource tools for fire hydrants will provide greater service for the people of Jamaica and likewise heartfelt gratitude, “arigatou,” was expressed to the people and Government of Japan for the kind and noteworthy assistance.

Minister of Local Government and Community Development, the Honourable Desmond McKenzie lauded the very close relations between the peoples and Governments of Jamaica and Japan. The Minister acknowledged that “we are more than grateful to Ambassador Nakano for Japan’s support to protect the people’s lives and property of Jamaica from disasters”.

Ambassador Nakano told the audience that from today onwards these command vehicles will serve very useful purposes for ameliorating challenging situations resulting from disasters such as hurricane. He expressed earnest hope that these command and utility vehicles as well as other resource tools to repair fire hydrants across Jamaica will

serve to ensure the safety of the lives of people across Jamaica which is most important in the development and prosperity of Jamaica and her beloved people.



(Left) 2 command vehicles and 1 repair car (center) were handed over to Jamaica Fire Brigade  
(Right) Ambassador Nakano's remarks



(Left) Speech from the Hon. McKenzie, Minister of Local Government and Community Development  
(Right) Speech from Mr. Spencer, Acting Commissioner of Jamaica Fire Brigade



(left) Ambassador Nakano handed over the key of the funded vehicle to the Hon. McKenzie and Mr. Spencer



(right) Acting Commissioner Spencer briefed Ambassador Nakano and the Hon. McKenzie about the funded vehicles



(Left) Ambassador Nakano and the Hon. McKenzie tested emergency siren horn equipped in the command vehicle



(Right) Pictured are Ambassador Nakano and the Hon. McKenzie while touring inside of the command vehicle