

## **Japanese Government provides one Ambulance and three Fire Trucks to CMI, Port Royal Fire Station and Donald Quarrie High School under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Programme**

On August 9, 2017, Ambassador Masanori Nakano attended the Handing Over Ceremony regarding “the Project for the Improvement of Ambulance and Fire Trucks of Emergency Response in Port Royal” valued at \$79,721 US Dollars under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects. The grant funding was used for reconditioning 3 firefighting trucks and 1 ambulance and for offsetting the freight cost of these units from Japan to Jamaica.

This Project has been made possible through partnership with the Society for the Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) which is a non-profit civil organization in Japan. Three fire trucks will be assigned to the Caribbean Maritime Institute (CMI), Port Royal Fire Station and the Donald Quarrie High School respectively, and one ambulance will be placed at the CMI.

Approximately 50 persons including Hon. Michael Henry, the Minister of Transport and Mining attended the ceremony.

In his remarks, the Hon. Henry applauded the efforts of the Government of Japan to have provided the requisite funding for acquisition of the 4 additional units of emergency response vehicles to serve the needs of Port Royal and adjoining communities.

In acknowledging the valuable support by the Government of Japan, Dr. Fritz Pinnock, the Executive Director of CMI promised that these emergency units will be used properly and maintained well by the respective Government of Jamaica institutions and organizations for many years to come.

Ambassador Nakano expressed hope that Japan’s contribution will make the communities in Port Royal a safe place for people to live with more ease and comfort, knowing that emergency vehicular resources are within easy reach. Japan is willing to work together with everyone to strengthen the Japan – Jamaica partnership in whatever way possible, said Ambassador Nakano.



(Left) Ambassador Nakano handed over the keys of funded vehicles to Hon. Henry, the Minister of Transport and Mining. Looking on Dr. Fritz Pinnock, Executive Director of CMI  
(Right) Ambassador Nakano delivering his remarks



(Left) Speech from Hon. Henry  
(Right) Speech from Dr. Pinnock



(Left) Some CMI Students on Parade



(Right) Funded Ambulance and Fire Fighting Trucks



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(Right) A demonstration activity from one of the donated fire trucks

