

The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the Project for the Improvement of Ambulance of Emergency Response for Cardiac Patients

On March 24, 2017, The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony was held at the Heart Institute of the Caribbean Head Quarters in Kingston with participants from the Governments of Japan and Jamaica, including the Ministry of Health and representatives of the Heart Institute of the Caribbean (HIC). The Grant Contract worth Eighty Three Thousand US Dollars (83,000.00 USD) (approximately Ten Million Jamaican Dollars) was signed by Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan and Dr. Ernest Madu, Chairman of The Heart Institute of The Caribbean Foundation.

At the ceremony, the Chairman of Heart Institute of the Caribbean Foundation expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the government and people of Japan, for its funding assistance to provide additional ambulances that will enable prompt interventions and treatment of patients with cardiac related emergencies.

In recognizing the significant progress of the HIC since 2005, Dr. Madu noted that the HIC believes that even the most vulnerable people must be able to afford health care as a fundamental human right and that the right to good health care should not be regarded as sacrosanct or too much expensive for ordinary people.

Ambassador Nakano expressed that the Embassy's modest funding assistance to procure the ambulances will contribute to saving as many people's lives as possible by helping to transfer cardiac-related ill patients in a timely manner to receive treatment at the HIC.

The Grant will support the procurement of two high-tech cardiac specialized ambulance vehicles, to be the first of their kind in Jamaica. Each Ambulance will be retrofitted and equipped with a Patient Monitor and defibrillator, as well as a PC based Electrocardiogram (ECG) machine enabling real time transmission of ECG readings to Cardiologists at a HIC location.



(left) Remarks from Professor Ernest Madu, the Chairman of HIC Foundation
 (right) Keynote speech from Ambassador Masanori Nakano



(left) Mr. Howard Lynch Director Quality, Planning & Development giving the remarks from Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton, MP (MOH)
 (right) Handing over the cheque to HIC Foundation



(from right) Professor Madu, Ambassador, Mr .Lynch, Dr. Tulloch- Reid, Ms. D'Oyen