

JAPAN DONATED EMERGENCY RELIEF GOODS TO BAHAMAS

On September 10th, the Government of Japan handed over emergency relief goods to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in response to request from the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas following serious damage from Hurricane “Dorian” in the country.

Relief items consisted of 50 tents, 100 plastic sheets (tarpaulins), 1000 expandable water containers, 30 (3700 Litres) Water Storage tanks and 2600 blankets.

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas’ notable officials in attendance included Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and Captain Stephen Russell, Director of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

Likewise, the Government of Japan’s officials present were Mr. Shotoku Habukawa, Deputy Head of Mission/Counsellor and Mr. Keiichi Kosaki, Director of Economic Section, Embassy of Japan to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and Mr. Kazuki Otsuka, Senior Representative of JICA Dominican Republic Office.

Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock highlighted the Bahamas’ profound gratitude and acceptance of the emergency relief goods and humanitarian assistance from the people and Government of Japan noting that the friendly ties and diplomatic relations between both countries continues to be deepened and strengthened over the years.

In his remarks at the handover of emergency relief goods, Mr. Habukawa expressed sincere condolences on behalf of the people and Government of Japan to the victims and their families underscoring hope for an early recovery especially for the injured people in the disaster-stricken areas of Abaco and Grand Bahama. It is hoped that they can rebuild their homes and recover their basic life-line as soon as possible.

Mr. Otsuka expressed condolence and stated that JICA has been collaborating with the Government of Bahamas in the area of Disaster Risk Management for several years. JICA provided training for Bahamians in Japan and regionally through the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).



Remarks by Mr. Shotoku Habukawa, Deputy Head of Mission/Counsellor, Embassy of Japan to Jamaica, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Belize.



Counsellor Habukawa, Embassy of Japan to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock, Director General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in a handshake gesture. Looking on are: Mr. Kazuki Otsuka, Senior Representative of JICA Dominican Republic Office and Captain Stephen Russell, Director of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).



Remarks by Mr. Kazuki Otsuka, Senior Representative of JICA Dominican Republic Office. the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Belize.



Some of the emergency relief goods donated by the people and Government of Japan for persons affected by Hurricane Dorian that occurred September 1 – 3, 2019 in The Bahamas.