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## **JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA), EMBASSY OF JAPAN, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA AND THE EMBASSY OF BRAZIL ANNOUNCE THE APPROVAL OF A TRIANGULAR TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT “CAPACITY BUILDING ON THE COMMUNITY POLICE – KOBAN SYSTEM” TO STRENGTHEN JAMAICAS’ NATIONAL SECURITY & SAFETY**

Today, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the Embassy of Japan and the Embassy of Brazil in Jamaica informed that they will be working collaboratively with the Government of Jamaica to deliver a Technical Cooperation Project entitled “Capacity Building on the Community Police – KOBAN System” which was proposed by the Ministry of National Security of Jamaica, based on the list of priorities presented by the Jamaican Government. Implemented by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kingston for Japan’s side and the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) for Brazil’s side, the project will strengthen the Jamaica Constabulary Force community policing capacity. Japan and Brazil have had a longstanding experience of cooperation in community policing, which is exemplified in the Sao Paulo community policy system that was built on the traditional Japanese community policing “KOBAN system”. This will be the basis for providing this capacity building support to the Jamaica Constabulary Force. This triangular technical cooperation project will be launched in 2023 with a cooperation period of three years, through to 2026.

For the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, CD, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, “the Government of Jamaica is committed to making the Jamaican society secure, cohesive and just. I am confident that this triangular cooperation will further strengthen the capacity of the Community Safety and Security mandate of the Jamaica Constabulary Force and thereby bolster our efforts to maintain public order and safety across the island. The Effective partnership is critical to this process. I wish to express gratitude to the Governments of Japan and Brazil for partnering with the Government of Jamaica through this technical cooperation that will positively impact the national security landscape in Jamaica”

"The implementation of this Project is a testament to the strength and dynamism of Jamaica's relations with Japan and Brazil. Indeed, this joint technical cooperation project is timely as Jamaica and Japan look to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in March 2024, while Jamaica and Brazil are celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations since October 2022", highlighted Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

Under our important "J-J Partnership" Japan, together with Brazil, is pleased to support the people and Government of Jamaica to achieve its goal of a safer and more secure environment in Jamaica through the introduction of Japanese community policing –KOBAN, while building a resilient society and economy said Mr. Yasuhiro ATSUMI, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica".

"Brazil is pleased to expand its relationship with Jamaica through this joint project with Japan on Public Security, which is so relevant to the Jamaican people and Government" said Ms. Elza Moreira Marcelino de Castro, Ambassador of Brazil to Jamaica.



(Photo source) Embassy of Japan in Jamaica

From 4th right, The Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, MP, Minister of State, Ministry of National Security,  
From 5th right, H.E. Yasuhiro ATSUMI, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica,  
3rd from left, H.E. Elza Moreira Marcelino de Castro, Ambassador of Brazil to Jamaica,  
2nd from right, Ambassador Allison Stone Roofe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security  
2nd from left, Mr. Hiroyuki OKAZAKI, Project Formulation Advisor, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) Jamaica office.