

For effective recovery from Hurricane Beryl: Online seminar “Resilient Infrastructure in the Fisheries Sector and Innovative Technologies for Sustainable Fishing”

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On November 25th, to contribute to effective recovery from Hurricane Beryl, an online seminar entitled “Resilient Infrastructure in the Fisheries Sector and Innovative Technologies for Sustainable Fishing” was held by Dr. Satoru NISHIKAWA, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) expert in Disaster Risk Reduction . Upon the request of the Honourable Adrian R. Forde, M.P., Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy in Barbados, this seminar was organized by the Embassy of Japan, to share Japan’s knowledge and experience in disaster risk reduction given the significant damage to the country’s fisheries sector caused by Hurricane Beryl in July.

The Chief Fisheries Officer, Dr. Shelly-Ann Cox, Project Manager of the Coastal Zone Management Unit, Ms. Allison Wiggins, and other personnel from the Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy participated in this interactive seminar. Dr. NISHIKAWA shared Japan’s history regarding disaster risk reduction and technical knowledge of resilient infrastructure. Additionally, Dr. NISHIKAWA also shared several examples from the Great East Earthquake which struck Japan in 2011. These examples highlighted Japan's extensive experience in effective post-disaster recovery and its dedication to the "Build Back Better" principle. For example, after the Great East Earthquake, some pieces of damaged breakwater system were intentionally submerged in the ocean to create a new fish-reef .

The participants expressed their interest in deepening cooperation between Japan and Barbados and enhancing knowledge and technology transfer, especially in the area of disaster recovery within the fisheries sector.

