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On March 07, 2025, the Embassy of Japan in Barbados held a signing ceremony to launch “**The Project for the Renovating of a Homeless and Emergency Shelter**”. This project, funded through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) program and implemented by the Barbados Alliance to End Homelessness (BAEH), seeks to tackle the growing issue of homelessness among women and children, particularly those most vulnerable in the event of disasters.

During the ceremony, the Founder and President of the BAEH, Mr. Kumar Saffrey, expressed his gratitude to Japan for supporting this meaningful initiative. He shared that this project involves the renovation of BAEH’s female dormitory, which will include upgrading the dormitory with essential amenities such as bunk beds, kitchen facilities, and partitions to ensure privacy and improve the quality of life for its residents.

In his address, H.E. Mr. MIYASAKA Yusuke, Ambassador of Japan to Barbados, stated that this GGP project furthers Barbados and Japan’s shared goals by promoting women’s empowerment, social inclusion and resilience. Following the signing of the agreement, the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs, Mr. Mark Franklin, closed by noting that this initiative greatly aligns with the mandate of his Ministry and expressed gratitude for Japan’s continual support of Barbados’ efforts to promote social inclusion.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Shamelle Rice, Director of Jabez House, Mr. Shawn Clarke, CEO Supreme Counselling for Personal Development, and representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade.



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