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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND JAPAN COLLABORATE ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT

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The Minister of National Security Major General (Ret'd) the Honourable Edmund Dillon received a courtesy call on Thursday 3 August, 2017 from Mr. Kenya Akiba, Member of the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Special Committee on Disasters of the Republic of Japan to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, with a view to discuss strategies aimed at strengthening the partnership between the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago and Japan in the area of disaster management.

Minister Dillon welcomed the opportunity to meet with Mr. Akiba and his high level team and stated that such collaboration would allow Trinidad and Tobago to benefit from Japan's expertise in disaster management.

The Government of Japan currently supports disaster management in Trinidad and Tobago by providing local disaster management agencies with access to grant assistance. The Matelot community, which recently experienced severe flooding, was a beneficiary of this arrangement.

Minister Dillon invited further assistance from Japan to strengthen Trinidad and Tobago's disaster management framework via information sharing as it pertains to the development of policies and strategies, training exchanges, post-disaster recovery, strengthening of infrastructure and acquisition of equipment.

Both parties reiterated their commitment to support and collaborate with each other to make Trinidad and Tobago a safer and more resilient nation against natural disasters.



Minister Dillon exchanges gifts with Mr. Kenya Akiba

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