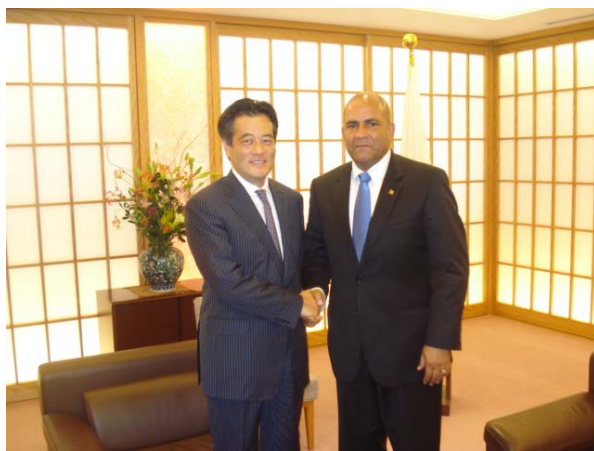


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BILATERAL MEETING – Japan

TOKYO, Japan, September 1, 2010 - Foreign Affairs Minister Peter David on Wednesday met with his Japanese counterpart H.E Mr. Katsuya Okada as they discussed a wide range of issues including Climate Change, UN Security Council Reform among others.



*The Hon. Katsuya Okada, Foreign Minister of Japan with
The Hon. C. Peter David, Foreign Minister of Grenada*

The Grenadian Minister, who is in the Japanese capital to attend the Second CARICOM-Japan Ministerial Meeting, took the opportunity to thank the Government of Japan for the assistance they have made available so far, especially in the Fisheries Sector, Human Resource Development through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) programmes and in the area of Climate Change.

Mr. Okada said that Japan was pleased with Grenada's leadership of Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) particularly at the COP15 and looks forward to their continued leadership at COP16 scheduled for Cancun, Mexico in December.

Mr. Okada also acknowledged bilateral projects proposed by Grenada for consideration by Japan under the Climate Change initiative. He said that his government would like to cooperate with Grenada in the realisation of these projects as far as possible.

The discussion also focused on the need for UN Security Council Reform as both parties shared the view that UNSCR is a necessity and agreed to work together on this issue.

Minister David, who is accompanied by Foreign Service Officer Roxie Mc Leish-Hutchinson, extended an invitation to Minister Okada to visit the Caribbean region and Grenada in particular as soon as conveniently possible.

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