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**MINISTER CHURCH HELD ENCOURAGING DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN**

**NEW YORK, September 23, 2010** – Japan has reaffirmed its commitment to work with Grenada, in its capacity as chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) to work towards an outcome at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting in Mexico later this year and to seek tangible results.

This commitment was reiterated during a meeting on Thursday between Minister of Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development and a delegation from Japan's Foreign Affairs Ministry.

Discussions centred on the thematic area of Climate Change and specifically, a request by the Government of Grenada for the funding of five projects including Batway Sandstone Reef, Waste Management, Forestry, Marine Resource Mapping and Water.

“We are seeing progress in our discussions with Japan and I am hopeful that we will soon see the results of our negotiations with the Japanese,” said Minister Church.

The meeting was also attended by Permanent Secretary, Sally Anne Bagwhan-Logie, Ambassador Dessima Williams and Dr. Al Binger, Advisor to the AOSIS Secretariat.

Meanwhile, a delegation from Grenada on behalf of AOSIS will travel to Tianjin, China from September 29 to October 9, to participate in a preparatory meeting for the UNFCCC COP-16 meeting in Cancun, Mexico.

Grenada is scheduled to host an AOSIS Ministerial meeting in November.

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