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On May 17th 2016, the Embassy of Japan officially handed over vouchers for 200,000 liters Diesel fuel to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation through the Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brima Kargbo at his office, Youyi Building in Freetown.

This gesture is part of the 389,940,000 Japanese Yen (Approximately 4 Million USD) Japanese Emergency Grant Aid in response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak to the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone,

The Japanese Government will continue to provide aid in response to the Ebola virus Disease in the Republic of Sierra Leone and in the region.

In his opening remarks, the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Brima Kargbo noted the various contributions made by the Japanese Government towards Sierra Leone. He also highlighted the strides made in the fight against the Ebola virus such as the provision of Ambulances, Beds, incinerators, generators, and other medical items to fight the Ebola virus disease.

With the closure of the National Ebola Response Centre, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation engaged Crown Agents to relocate the fuel to the ministry so as to support the Post Ebola Activities in the area of surveillance.

With this, the ministry would be in a better position to speedily move to areas so as to detect and respond to any threat of Ebola or contagious diseases.

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Dr. Kargbo furthered that this support will enhance the surveillance and supervisory activities at national and district levels. Commending the Japanese Government, he assured that the fuel would be used for its intended purpose.

In his brief overview of the Grant-Crown Agents Representative Paul Lavaly recalled that on 17th March, 2015, the Embassy of Japan handed over medical prevention equipment worth 389,940,000 Japanese Yen (Approximately 4MUSD) under Japanese Emergency Grant Aid in response to the Ebola virus disease.

Mr. Lavaly also revealed that the Japanese Government will continue to pro-

vide aid in response to the Ebola virus Disease in the Republic of Sierra Leone and in the region. The handing over of 200,000 liters Diesel fuel vouchers to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation is part of their continued efforts as more support is on the way.

The Japanese Consul Dr. Kishor Shankerdas also recalled the various strides made by the Japanese Government in assisting the Government and people of Sierra Leone. He noted the handing over of a ship load of rice through the Ministry of Trade to the Government.

The handing over of 200,000 liters Diesel fuel vouchers to the Ministry of Health

and Sanitation is to compliment government's activities in the Post Ebola Recovery period.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation David Banya stressed that this is a crucial moment for the ministry in ensuring that the country continues to remain Ebola free. With this, the fuel will be used for its intended purpose.

As there is a cordial relationship between the Government and the people of Sierra Leone, this has manifested into what is happening now.