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NWC and Jamaica Benefit from JICA's Capacity Building Project

The National Water Commission, since 2007, has been the beneficiary of a Japan International Cooperation Agency grant to undertake the Technical Cooperation Project - 'Capacity Building for Water Maintenance at the National Water Commission'.

This Programme, which will expire in November 2010 aimed to develop a cost effective and efficient maintenance system within the National Water Commission in order to enhance the reliability of its water supply to its customers. In addition, the project includes extensive training and strengthening of the technical capacity and competence level of employees at the utility company.

Under the Programme, six JICA Experts in the areas of Water Quality/Assurance, Water Supply Management/NRW and Water Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Experts were dispatched to the NWC from Japan. As a result over one hundred (100) NWC members of staff have already benefited from extensive technical training in the areas of :

- Water Supply Management/NRW
- Water Treatment Plant Operation & Maintenance
- Water Quality Control and Assurance

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In addition to these employees who were locally trained, fourteen (14) members of staff have benefited from technical counterpart training in Japan over the last two and half years.

To further consolidate the efforts, a structured Training Programme was developed in conjunction with the NWC's Training Department to ensure the sustainability of the training activities which will play a significant role in the guidance of the career path of NWC employees.

The National Water Commission extends to its Japanese partners much appreciation for their support and contribution to nation building through the National Water Commission.

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