

MINISTER'S ADDRESS
SIGNING CEREMONY - HAND OVER OF COMPACTOR
TRUCK TO THE CORPORATION
TUESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 2013.

Today's signing ceremony marks the commitment of the people and Government of Japan towards the development of our country.

The contribution of a compactor truck towards the collection of recyclable waste will make a huge difference in enabling Solid Waste to implement its 3Rs campaign on the island.

The way solid waste is treated around the world is rapidly changing, conforming to the best standards and practices safe-guarding human health and the environment while providing other social and economical benefits.

It is this Government's philosophy and desire to keep abreast and model our waste collection system to those best practices to better safe maintain our environmental integrity.

Over the years we have made great progress moving from back yard dumping to the skip system and from skip system to Curbside

Collection. Presently it's our aim to improve on this system by further promoting the separation of waste at source. Waste is now seen as a resource that can be reused and recycled. Present studies show the recycling of waste not only saves Landfill space but there are a number of other benefits, including:

- Job creation e.g. (Recyclers, truckers, port and shipping agents)
- Revenue generation and
- Litter reduction

The purchase of this compactor truck will guarantee a timely and reliable collection of recyclable waste which will result in greater efficiency, in all these aspects.

So let me thank the Japan International Cooperation Agency for its support to the many programs in Dominica and especially that of Dominica Solid Waste Management Corporation in helping in the promotion of best practices and training towards Waste Management by our people.