



## PROJECT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING OF WATER MAINTENANCE

### Counterpart Training in Japan



Officers from the National Water Commission, Ministry of Water, Jamaica received Counterpart Training in Japan in Water Supply Management during FY2007.

### PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT



Two new 4WD vehicles, 1500 cc. 2008 models are among the equipment provided by JICA to the National Water Commission for the implementation of the project.

### Dispatch of Mission Team



In accordance with the request from the National Water Commission/Ministry of Water for technical assistance from the Government of Japan through JICA to strengthen its capacity of water maintenance through technology transfer, Mission Teams were dispatched for Preparatory Study. Subsequently, the Record of Discussion was signed in March 2007. Signing of the R/D prepared the way for the implementation of the Project for Capacity Building of Water Maintenance.



### Signing of Record of Discussion for the Project

#### PHASE I OF THE PROJECT::

During the first phase of the Project, the following were clearly identified:

- The project framework
- Project activities
- Target Areas

Four (4) officers of the National Water Commission received training in Japan during FY2007 on Water Supply Management. The goal of Water Supply

Management is to develop a sustainable supply system, including optimization of pressure, energy conservation and reduction of water distribution costs.

## STAGE II:

The second stage of the project which commenced in January 2008 saw the following activities being implemented:

- Improvement of capacity of operation and maintenance in Pilot Water Treatment Plants
- Procurement of Equipment and materials
- Evaluation of the Existing capacity of operation and maintenance issues.
- Counterpart training of six (6) NWC officers in Japan during FY2008.



His Excellency Masahiro Obata, second right, observed as JICA's Resident Representative in Jamaica, Mr. Toshimasa Takashima handed over equipment to Mr. E. G. Hunter, President of the National Water Commission, Ministry of Water, in Jamaica.



Dr. the Hon. Horace Chang, Minister of Water, left and His Excellency Masahiro Obata, Japanese Ambassador to Jamaica right observed as an NWC officer gave a demonstration of equipment donated by JICA at the handing-over ceremony during FY2008.



NWC's Assistant Vice President, left, Mr. Lewis Lakeman outlines to JICA's Coordinators of his training programme in Japan, the high level of technical support offered by JICA for the Project : Capacity Building of Water Maintenance in Jamaica."



**Training in Japan:** NWC Counterparts gained invaluable experience on their training in Japan. To date over ten (10) officers of the National Water Commission have been trained in Japan.