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PRIME MINISTER WELCOMES OFFER OF TRAINING FROM INDIA

ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA; TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2010 – Prime Minister Tillman Thomas has welcomed an offer from the Indian government for training, for students from AOSIS Countries who are interested in studying climate change related subjects.

The offer was communicated to the Prime Minister during a meeting with the Secretary in the Ministry of the Environment and Forestry, Mr. Vijai Sharma, who is in Grenada participating in the meeting of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) at the Grenada Grand Beach Hotel.



*(l to r) Mr. Vijai Sharm, Secretary in the Ministry of the Environment and Forestry of India
The Honourable Tillman J. Thomas, Prime Minister of Grenada*

Secretary Sharma and Prime Minister Thomas agreed to the need for closer collaboration between India and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the area of technology for responding to the impact of climate change. “There is much experience to be shared between AOSIS and India. India has the institutions and expertise on coastal management and disaster preparedness that is of relevance to the needs of SIDS,” Mr. Sharma said.

Both sides recognized the need to build capacities to cope with the vulnerabilities arising out of climate change and to promote sustainable livelihoods.

The Prime Minister also sought additional assistance from India to support Grenada’s agricultural sector, especially in the areas of processing. “We are very interested in the assistance from your country in the areas of mechanizing our agriculture sector, to improve our production and our processing capability,” the Prime Minister told the Indian envoy.

Prime Minister Thomas has consistently sought the assistance of friendly countries for the mechanization of agriculture, especially for the benefit of Grenada’s small farmers.

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