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JAPAN TO ASSIST EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECTS

1.   The Government of Japan has decided to donate the total sum of R236 000 to education and training projects in disadvantaged communities as part of its commitment to assist in the building of the new South Africa. The areas which will benefit are:
a) agricultural training in the rural communities;
b) literacy and language training in Primary Schools in Soweto; and
c) rehabilitation for disabled children.

2.   The following organizations will therefore receive assistance:
a) The Valley Trust will receive US Dollars 30 892 (approximately R86 498) for the purchase of equipment to be utilised in agricultural training;
b) READ Educational Trust will receive US Dollars 16 984 (approximately R47 555) for the purchase of books for their Soweto Primary Schools Language Project; and
c) The Takalani Home for the Mentally Handicapped will receive US Dollars 36 388 (approximately R101 887) for the purchase of wheelchairs and physiotherapy equipment for the Takalani Home Rehabilitation Project.

The Grant Contracts are to be signed in the afternoon of Thursday, 05 March 1992, by the Chargé d'Affaires Mr Masatoshi Ohta and Mr Chris Mann, Group Manager of the Valley Trust, Mrs Thandi Chaane, Southern Transvaal Manager of READ Educational Trust, and Mr John C Rees, Acting Director of the Takalani Home for the Mentally Handicapped.

3.   The Government of Japan attaches great importance to the assistance to, and upliftment of, community projects in South Africa, and through these donations various projects in this field will benefit.

4.   Japan once again expresses its support of the initiatives taken by State President De Klerk and the present process of building a new South Africa. The Small Scale Grant Assistance Programme is one of the programmes established by Japan with a view to making a positive contribution toward the development of this process.

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