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JDF RECEIVES MILITARY AID FROM CHINA

In the latest demonstration of friendly relations between Jamaica and the Peoples Republic of China, the Chinese Government donated approximately J\$38 million worth of military equipment to the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), in a brief ceremony at Up Park Camp on January 13, 2011.

Chinese Ambassador Jinghua Chen made the presentation which included combat uniforms, helmets, boots, folding beds, ballistic vests, raincoats and other military equipment, to JDF Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Major General Antony Anderson.

In his remarks Ambassador Chen emphasized that “as a peaceful country, China unswervingly takes the road of peaceful development and pursues an independent foreign policy of peace.” He also noted that China is willing to persist in developing friendly relations, enhancing political mutual trust and cooperation and achieving common development with Jamaica.

The presentation ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of JDF Officers and soldiers, included speeches by both Ambassador Chen and the JDF CDS, and included a display of some of the items donated.

Maj Gen Anderson, in thanking the Ambassador for the donation, outlined that he was looking forward to further arrangements between both militaries and a continuation of the mutual assistance programs that are in place. The equipment, he also noted, was much needed and will go a long way in helping the Force to carry out its mandate of providing internal and external security to Jamaica.

At present, both the JDF and the Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) of China benefit from cooperative military programs, which include staff exchanges, training courses and military assistance. Today’s donation is part of a protocol agreement sign between both Forces in 2009 by the Ambassador and past Chief of Defence Staff, Major General Stewart Saunders.

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