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Marubeni Provides Support for Jamaica's Women Bobsleigh Team

Marubeni Corporation (Marubeni), which is Japanese trading company and one of major shareholder in Jamaica Public Service Company Limited, provides its support for the development of Jamaica and Jamaicans, Marubeni recently sponsored the country's women's Bobsleigh Team in their bid to participate in the 2018 Winter Olympics Korea in PyeongChang, South Korea.

The team includes driver Jazmine Fenlator-Victorian and Brakewoman Carrie Russell. They placed 3rd and were awarded their very first medal at the North American Cup Bobsleigh competition. This is the second partnership with Japanese sponsors following Shitamachi Bobsleigh project, which provided three new state of the art sleds for the Jamaica Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation through small manufacturers based in Ota City Japan.

The sponsorship represents a significant step toward the team's goal of going to the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Chairman and President of the Jamaica Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation, Nelson 'Chris' Stokes, is very pleased with the partnership and said, *"We will be forever grateful to Marubeni for their much-needed support for the Bobsleigh program. This partnership has gone a long way in motivating the team not just as competitors attempting to qualify for the Winter Olympics in 2018, but it has also given them renewed energy and commitment for the task at hand. Our achievements so far could not have been realised without your assistance and whether or not we qualify for the Winter Olympics or win a medal, the journey up to this point has once again put Jamaica on the world stage and confirmed that our size as a nation is not a limiting factor to our capabilities and our ability to achieve greatness."*

Marubeni expressed the importance of the partnership with Jamaica. *"This partnership represents the continuation of the positive relations that have existed between Jamaica and Japan for many years. We have been very proud of the many achievements of the Jamaican people, particularly in the area of sports and we are honoured to have been given the opportunity to take the Jamaican Bobsleigh teams to greatness. This is a contribution that we value and we look forward to the growth and development of the female bobsleigh team."*