

## **The Handing Over Ceremony for the Renovation of Happy Grove High School Project under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects**

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan in Jamaica, attended the Handing Over Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the “Renovation of Happy Grove High School Project” at the Happy Grove High School in Portland. He handed over two renovated school buildings to Mr. Abrikian, Chairman of the Happy Grove High School Board.

There are two main school buildings, Harvey Hall and Block C which were built in 1923 and 1960, respectively. Both buildings were being used by school community every day despite the severely deteriorating conditions such as malfunctioned electric systems, leaking roofs and walls, broken windows and doors, etc. This situation was not only an impediment for students’ learning but there was also grave concern as to the possibility of the occurrence of unfortunate accidents. Thus, the renovated buildings are expected to provide a better education environment for young Jamaicans at Happy Grove High School to bring out and broaden their potential.

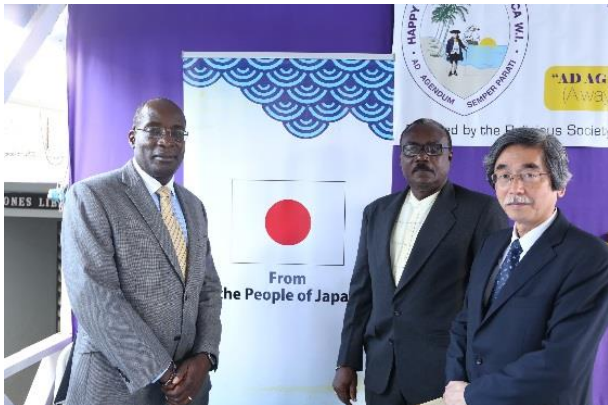
At the Ceremony, approximately 100 people, including the Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, His worship Mr. Paul Thompson, Mayor of Port Antonio were present. Minister Reid, other guests and participants expressed their appreciation for the support by the Government of Japan and promised to take good care of the gift and encourage the students to work hard to contribute to local community and Jamaica. Ambassador Nakano noted that Japanese Government highly valued education in the conduct of the assistance to Jamaica and he told that Japan would continue to cooperate with the people and government of Jamaica in improving the education system. Ambassador Nakano also highlighted that Embassy of Japan would make its utmost efforts to further enhance relationship between Japan and Jamaica.



Handing over of the donated building



Ambassador with the students of Happy Grove High School



Ambassador, Minister Reid and Mayor Thompson standing in front of new banner of The Grass Roots Human Security Project.



Renovated building/Block C



Renovated building/Harvey Hall