

## **The Handing Over Ceremony for Low Vision Resource Centre Project under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects**

On January 26, 2017, Ambassador Masanori Nakano and Mrs. Nakano attended The Handing Over Ceremony for the Project for the Construction of a Low Vision Resource Centre” valued at \$104,000.00 US Dollars under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects. The fund was used to construct the top floor of the building to house the Vision Resource Centre.

At the Ceremony, approximately 50 persons were in attendance, including Their Excellences, The Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen.

As patron of the Jamaica Society for the Blind, His Excellency, The Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen applauded the efforts of the Government of Japan to have provided the requisite funding to construct the building to serve the needs of persons who are visually impaired or in need of vision screening, Low Vision Services, counselling as well as other related services.

Ambassador Nakano expressed hope that the new facility will contribute significantly to people with a high risk of weak sight and no vision to be able to improve their living conditions. Ambassador Nakano also expressed his wish that every person across Jamaica will overcome their challenges and achieve their lifelong aspirations. Ambassador Nakano reiterated that Japan is willing to work together with everyone, towards that end, in whatever way possible.



Newly constructed Top floor of the JSB Vision Centre funded by the Grant of Japan's GGP Programme.



Ambassador Nakano giving his remarks to the receptive audience.



Sir Patrick Allen, Patron of the Jamaica Society for the Blind, giving his address to an attentive audience.



Sir Patrick Allen seated and about to have his eyes inspected-by optometrist technician. Looking on is Ambassador Nakano.