

## The Grant Contract Ceremony for the project to Renovate the Kitchen and Canteen at Middleton Primary School

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan in Jamaica, attended the Grant Contract Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the “the Renovation of Kitchen and Canteen at Middleton Primary School Project”, held at his official residence in Kingston.

The kitchen of Middleton Primary School was too small to serve lunches for 100 persons, and in July 2015 was deemed unfit for use and was closed under Ministry of Health’s guidelines. Since that time, teachers have been ordering lunches from another school located 7km from Middleton Primary. Under this project, USD 82,214 was granted to renovate Kitchen and Canteen so that students will enjoy improved sanitation and a wholesome education environment.

At the Ceremony, approximately 50 people attended. This included the Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Mr. Ishmael Robertson, representative of James Robertson, MP of St. Thomas Western attended. Hon. Reid, other guests and participants, they expressed their appreciation for the support by the Government of Japan and conveyed their confidence that Middleton Primary School will shortly have improved sanitary and educational environment with renovated kitchen and canteen.

Ambassador Nakano expressed his pleasure for having an opportunity to make a positive contribution to improving the educational environment for the children of Jamaica.



(left) Ambassador Nakano delivering his keynote address.



(right) Keynote address from Hon. Ruel Reid.



(left) Greetings from Mr. Ishmael Robertson.



(right) Ambassador Nakano and Ms. Crawford, principal of Middleton Primary School signing the Grant Contract. Looking is the Honourable Minister of Education, Senator Reid.



(left) Dance item of appreciation from the students of Middleton Primary School



(right) Ambassador, Hon. Reid, Ms. Harris from NET with students and other members of Middleton Primary School



Ambassador, Hon. Reid, Ms. Harris from NET, Ms. Crawford, students of Middleton Primary School, Ms. Henry Principal of Highgate Primary & Junior High School and its students