

The Grant Contract Ceremony for the project for Construction of Highgate Primary School

On March 9th, 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 “Construction of Highgate Primary School” , held at his official residence in Kingston.

In 1966, Highgate Primary & Junior High school started providing primary and lower secondary education. Since the latter half of 1970s, its students population began to increase significantly, resulting in overcrowded condition. In 2015, Junior High School students ended and the school became a primary school only. It also moved from the double shift system to a single shift system. However, with the entire student population on a single shift system, there was still an overcrowding problem as class room houses 712 students despite the capacity of 650. Under this project, USD 113,603 is granted to construct a new building with 2 class rooms. The expected result is that overcrowding conditions will be solved and that students will begin to enjoy an improved educational environment.

The Ceremony was attended by approximately 50 person, including the Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Dr. Morais Guy, MP of St. Mary Central attended. The Hon. Reid and other guests and participants expressed their appreciation for the support by the Government of Japan and their pleasure that Highgate Primary & Junior High School will have improved teaching and learning environment with the addition of a new school building.

Ambassador Nakano noted in his remark that Japan will continue to cooperate with the people and government of Jamaica to further improve the educational environment for the most precious treasures of the nation, children of Jamaica.



(left) Ambassador Nakano delivering his keynote address.

(right) Keynote address from Hon. Ruel Reid.



(left) Greetings from Dr. Morais Guy

(right) Ambassador and Ms. Adassa Henry, Principal of Highgate Primary & Junior High School signing the Grant Contract. Witnessing the historic moment is the Honourable Minister of Education, Senator Reid.



(left) Recital of a poem of appreciation from the students of Highgate Primary and Junior High School.

(right) Ambassador Nakano and Principal, Ms. Henry holding the display cheque along with students.