

## **The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the project for Construction of Classroom for Jamaica Foundation for Lifelong Learning**

On March 12th, 2017, H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica, attended the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for “the Project for Construction of Classroom for Jamaican Foundation for Lifelong Learning” valued at \$143,602.00 US Dollars under Japan’s Grants Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Project (GGP) Scheme.

The Jamaica Foundation Lifelong Learning- JFLL (2006) has been expanding its services island wide since its establishment in 1974 as the Jamaican Movement for the Advancement of Literacy, which was created with the dream of achieving a fully literate Jamaica, at a time when adult illiteracy was running at 53 per cent of the population aged 15 and over, based on a 1970 UNESCO study. Through an island wide network of volunteer teachers, adult Jamaicans who were illiterate then could be taught to read and write within the shortest time span, enabling them to participate effectively in the social and economic life of their community and country.

On April 1st, 2017 the greatest change in the history of the JFLL will be seen as a merger with Heart Trust/NTA (1982), renowned as one of the biggest vocational / Human Employment and Resource Training organisation, to provide learners with more efficient and comprehensive Technical and Vocational Training in addition to the basic literacy training that the JFLL originally focuses on.

This project under GGP enables the JFLL to solve its overcrowding problem in one of their school’s on East Street in downtown Kingston as known as JFLL Adult Education Center. As such there will be the construction of new containerized building facility to hold four classrooms, a faculty room and a restroom.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Board members of JFLL and its learners.

Mr. Worrel Hibbert, Executive Director of JFLL, expressed his appreciation for the support from the people and the Government of Japan and their pleasure that JFLL will obtain improved teaching and learning environment with the new facility at JFLL Adult Education Center.

Minister Reid expressed gratitude to the people and government of Japan and also stressed that Japan and Jamaica both placed an emphasis on human resource

development through education and skills training for lifelong learning.

Ambassador Nakano stated that Japan would continue to make every effort to provide support where possible in the education field which is the essence of the “Human Security” and is the vital for further prosperity of Jamaica.



(left) Remarks from Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Hon. Ruel Reid



(right) Remarks from Executive Director of JFLL, Mr. Worrel Hibbert



(left) Keynote speech from Ambassador Masanori Nakano



(right) Signing of the Grant Contract



(left) Handing over of the cheque



(right) Material Art presentation for Ambassador from JFLL



Photo session