

Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the project for Renovation of Zion Hill Primary School

On March 30th, 2017, H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica, hosted Grant Contract Signing Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the “Renovation of Zion Hill Primary School” at his residence in Kingston.

In 1872, Zion Hill Primary School was founded, and over the years its main building had deteriorated. A new building was added in 2015 to accommodate a computer lab, but to date has not yet been completed. The schoolyard is uneven, and this limits the school’s ability to hold sports classes and events.

In addition, the school has no proper drainage system resulting in pools of water in the school yard. Under the project, USD 82,782 was granted to renovate these facilities to improve the learning environment of students through school work and play.

Approximately 50 people attended the ceremony, including the Hon., Senator, Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information and Minister Reid and other guests expressed their appreciation for the support of the Government of Japan and their pleasure that Zion Hill Primary School will soon have an improved learning environment.

In his remarks, Ambassador Nakano expressed his delight that Government of Japan is contributing Zion Hill Primary School’s rehabilitation. He noted that the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Human Security Scheme would continue to support small-scale, grass-roots projects in Jamaica, especially in the area of Education.



(left) Greetings from Ms. Harris, NET



(right) Mrs. Green-Johnson, principal of Zion Hill Primary School expressing her appreciation to the Government of Japan’s assistance



(left) Hon. Ruel Reid delivering his keynote address



(right) Ambassador and Mrs. Green-Johnson signed the Grant Contracts



(left) Handing over the cheque to Zion Hill Primary School



(right) Poem of appreciation from Zion Hill Primary School



Ambassador Nakano, Hon. Ruel Reid, Ms. Harris from NET,
Teachers and Students from Zion Hill Primary School