

## **The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the Project for the Construction of Classroom for Hanover Educational Institute**

On March 23, 2017, The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony was held at the Japanese Ambassador's Official Residence in Kingston with participants from the Governments of Japan and Jamaica, including the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Education and as well as students and other representatives from the Hanover Educational Institute (HEI).

The Grant Contract worth Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Six US Dollars (82,986.00 USD) or approximately Ten Million Jamaican Dollars was signed by Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan and Mrs. Angela Haye, Principal of the Hanover Educational Institute in the presence of Hon. Floyd Green, State Minister in the Ministry of Education, Youth & Information.

At what she deemed a memorable ceremony, Mrs. Haye exuberantly expressed great appreciation to the Embassy of Japan and the Japan International Cooperation Agency for their committed and consistent partnership over the years, which she explained, really started out with the hard work and dedication of the former JOCV Volunteer who was placed at the Institute. She stated her determination that the Hanover Educational Institute will strive further and move on to the next level to build the new hospitality training facility with this project.

State Minister Green resoundingly endorsed the Government of Japan's ongoing and consistent quest to provide funding at the grass roots level to support the further development of the Education sector which he stated was vital towards building the human resource capacity for Jamaica. He charged that only through empowerment can people attain personal growth, independence and lead productive lives.

Ambassador Nakano expressed his genuine hope that this project of the new hospitality training facility will be extremely beneficial to the people of Northwestern Jamaica who are very much integral to the process of nation building. He hoped that at the end of their course of study, graduates will be well equipped to enter the job market and seek gainful employment, such as in hotels within Jamaica's hospitality and tourism sector.



(left) Overview of Japan-JICA-Hanover Educational Institute partnership overview by Principal Mrs. Angela Haye



(right) Remarks from Hon. Floyd Green, State Minister in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information



(left) Keynote speech from Ambassador Masanori Nakano



(right) Signing of the Grant Contract



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Photo session