

Japan handed over renovated school buildings and other new infrastructure at the Breadnut Hill Primary school

On June 29th, 2017, Ambassador Masanori Nakano attended the Handing-Over Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects for the “Renovation of the Breadnut Hill Primary School” at Breadnut Hill Primary School in St. Ann. Approximately 80 people attended the ceremony, including The Hon. Floyd Green, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and Ms. Lisa Hanna, MP of St. Ann-South Eastern.

The Principal, Mr. Ricardo Kennedy and other teachers expressed their appreciation for the grant funding support that enabled Breadnut Hill Primary School to acquire the facilities that had been in serious need of repair.

The Member of Parliament, Ms. Hanna expressed her great pleasure to have attended both the Grant Contract Signing as well as the Closing Ceremony for this project. In referring to the close ties of friendship between Japan and Jamaica, especially through Jamaican music and culture, Ms. Hanna encouraged all students at Breadnut Hill to put out their best effort to achieve their highest ambitions in order to success in this global world.

The Hon. State Minister Green expressed appreciation for Japan’s assistance to the Breadnut Hill Primary School under the partnership with National Education Trust. He also praised the Government of Japan for its continuous support towards Jamaica’s developing communities especially in the rural areas such as Breadnut Hill who are often left out of the development process.

In his remarks, Ambassador Nakano expressed his hope that this new and improved environment would allow students to be more comfortable and concentrate on their school work so that they could improve their academic performance. He also expressed his appreciation for National Education Trust and other stakeholders that had been involved in the project since the preliminary stages.

The school was founded in 1940. There is a main building, an adjacent building, a library, a canteen, a students' bathroom, and a counselling room. Except for the counselling room, other buildings had grossly deteriorated especially with poor electricity infrastructure. Infestation by termites and wasps was also prevalent. Through this project, those facilities were renovated and partitions were installed

in a main class room. The school ground was asphalted, and a perimeter fence was constructed to ensure the safety and security of the school environment.



Ambassador delivering his remarks



Keynote address from the Hon. Floyd Green



Ms. Hanna delivering her greetings



Ms. Marcia Phillips-Dawkins, Managing Director of National Education Trust



Mr. Ricardo Kennedy, principal of Breadnut Hill Primary School expressing his appreciation for the assistance from Government of Japan



The Hon. Green and Ambassador unveiling the plaque



From left: Mr. Kennedy, the Hon. Green, Ambassador and Ms. Hanna



Students playing in a drama



Poem of appreciation from the students



Installed Fence and paved ground



Renovated class room block



Renovated bathroom



Tiled stairs



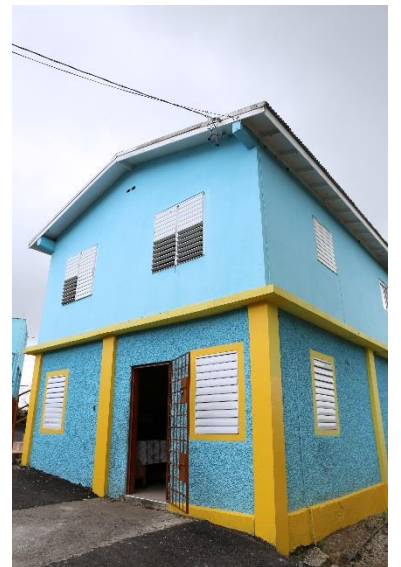
Installed Gabbage
receptacle



Renovated drinking fountain



Installed new ceiling



Renovated building