

**Japanese Government donated a 2018
Toyota Coaster Bus valued at 8 Million JMD to Buff Bay Primary School
under the Human Security Grant Programme.**

On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Ambassador Yamazaki attended the Handing over ceremony at Buff Bay Primary School for the 29-seater Toyota Coaster Bus. Approximately 300 people attended the ceremony. Having recognized the need to assist with the implementation of a viable school bus transportation for the school, the Embassy provided the requisite funding support through our Grassroots Grant Assistance Programme which is focused on human development and human security.

Mrs. Dreen Ramnarth, the Chairman of Buff Bay Primary and other teachers expressed their appreciation for the grant funding support that enabled Buff Bay Primary School to acquire the school bus that had been in serious need of improving the transportation system.

The Honourable Daryl Vaz, Member of Parliament, Portland- Western, and Minister without portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth & Job Creation, expressed gratitude to the people and Government of Japan and said that “Joy cannot be quantified”. He implored the students and staff to take care of the new school bus and keep it in good condition. He expressed that the Government of Jamaica is indeed honored by the goodwill of the people of Japan.

In his remarks, Ambassador Yamazaki expressed that the Government of Japan will continue working hard in tandem for the betterment of everyone in the blessed country of Jamaica, and encouraged the teachers and students to aim higher in the best. He also expressed his appreciation for the Minister Daryl Vaz, National Education Trust and other stakeholders that had been involved in the project since the preliminary stages.

Other notable attendees were Mrs. Janet Brimm, Regional Director, Ministry of Education, Youth & Information, Ms. Latoya Harris, Director, Donor & Partnership Management, National Education Trust, Mrs. Jaqueline Edwards, Acting Principal of Buff Bay Primary, teachers, students, citizens and stakeholders from Buff Bay, Portland.



Hon. Daryl Vaz expressed his gratitude



Ambassador delivering his remarks



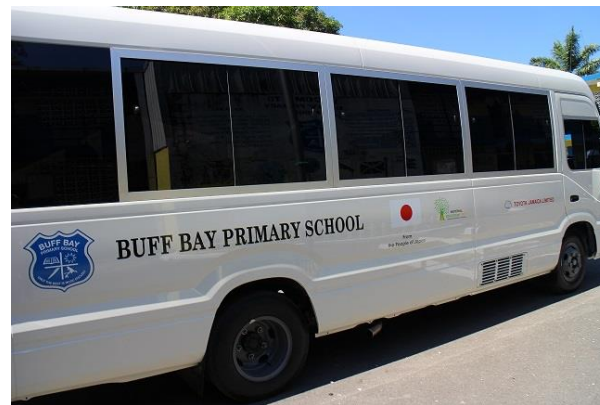
Mrs. Janet Brimm, Regional Director, Ministry of Education, Youth & Information



Mrs. Doreen Ramnarth Chairman of Buff Bay Primary



Song of appreciation from students



Improving the safe transportation for students



Ribbon cutting to reveal the bus



Minister and Ambassador ride the bus



Participated by many students



Showing their appreciation by singing