

The Handing Over Ceremony for New Classroom Building to Belize High School of Agriculture under the Grant Assistance for Grassroot Human Security Projects

On June 21, 2017, Mr. Shinichi Yamanaka, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan, attended the Handing Over Ceremony of “the Project for the Expansion of Belize High School of Agriculture” valued at US\$90,804 under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects.

The school had been faced with over-populated issues for many years due to an increase in the number of application for the enrollment that was stimulated by the improvement of school buses funded by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. However, due to the limitation of classroom space, the school could not help declining 70 applications for their enrollment.

This project was aimed at increasing the school building capacity with the construction of new school facility which contains two regular classrooms and a library. The facility will help to cultivate abundant human resources especially in the agricultural field for development in their community. Furthermore, the facility is also intended to be utilized for emergency purpose such as an evacuation center for the hurricane.

The Ceremony was graced by approximately 30 guests including the Minister of State Mr. Elodio Aragon Jr. on behalf of the Hon. Patrick Faber, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Youth and Sports.

In his remarks, Mr. Aragon expressed his appreciation for the assistance from the people and the Government of Japan for the development in the education field. He also thanked Japan on behalf of the people of Belize, especially the young generation, for providing funding support for this project that will benefit across many generation and for the further prosperity of Belize.

The school principal Mrs. Lisbeth Delgado said, it was crucially important to expand the school facility to deal with the surge of enrollment requests caused by the high demand of agricultural skills associated with population growth in this region.

Mr. Yamanaka applauded that the successful completion of this project was totally attributed to the tireless efforts of school and community from the beginning to completion. Mr. Yamanaka also stressed that Japan is willing to work together with Belize for the sustainable development through the Grassroots Human Security Project Scheme.



(left) Principal of Belize High School of Agriculture, Mrs. Lisbeth Delgado
(right) Mr. Shinichi Yamanaka, Counsellor of the Embassy



(left) Minister of State in Mr. Elodio Aragon Jr.



(right) Chairman of School Board of Management Mr. Rosendo Urbina



(left) Ribbon cutting for the official opening



(right) New classroom building