

## **The Handing Over Ceremony for the Establishment of Training Facilities for Sustainable Small Business Support under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects**

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, H.E. Mr. Masamori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica, attended the Handing Over Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the “Establishment of Training Facilities for Sustainable Small Business Support Project” at the Council of Voluntary Social Services (CVSS) in Kingston. He handed over training programmes and equipment to Mr. Gary Hendrickson, president of CVSS.

The CVSS invites the RESET Caribbean Foundation Ltd., non-profitable and charitable organization, as an implementation partner and will oversee the project. Through this project, the RESET will establish training facilities including E-learning system, networking environment, etc. and empower the small business community and benefits the Jamaican economy at large. This project was originally proposed by a past participant of “SME Development Policies Training” by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Japan and learned various skills to enhance small and micro enterprises.

At the Handing Over Ceremony, approximately 30 people, including the Hon. Karl Samuda, Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries. Minister Samuda, other guests and participants expressed their appreciation to the support of the Government of Japan. They also pointed out that Jamaican economy could improve by business development and this Project could make a significant impact on socio-economic development. Ambassador Nakano emphasized that the project was collaboration by the past participant of JICA training. Ambassador Nakano also commended his determination to strengthen relations between Japan and Jamaica and Government of Japan would continue supporting projects which lead to economic growth in Jamaica.



Cutting ribbon with stakeholders



With Minister Samuda and stakeholders