

The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the Improvement of Medical Facility for Vulnerable Groups including PLHIV Project under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects

On March 20th, 2015, HE Mr. Yasuo Takase, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica, attended the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the “Improvement of Medical Facility for Vulnerable Groups including PLHIV Project” at the Jamaica AIDS Support for Life (JASL) in Kingston. He signed the Grant Contract with Mrs. Kandasi Levermore, Executive Director of JASL.

JASL is the oldest and largest AIDS/human rights NGO in Jamaica and has built a reputation for working with vulnerable communities such as people living with HIV (PLHIV), orphaned children, etc. In recent years, the JASL facility has needed significant renovation. To provide critically desired services and to protect human rights and dignity of vulnerable people, the fund will be used to renovate and expand the clinic of JASL.

At the Signing Ceremony, approximately 30 people, including Hon. Dr. Fenton Ferguson, Minister of Health and representatives of NGOs were present. Minister Ferguson and other guests expressed their appreciation to the support of the Government of Japan. They also proclaimed to achieve zero HIV death, zero transmission and zero discrimination against PLHIV. Ambassador Takase noted that under the policy of human security, everyone in the society should be protected and hoped that all the stakeholders would work together for the Jamaican people. Ambassador Takase also mentioned his pleasure and honour to be signing this Grant Contract towards the end of his tour of duty and emphasized that the Government of Japan would continue to collaborate with the Jamaican Government.



(left) Signing the Contract by Ambassador and Mrs. Levermore



(right) Handing over the cheque with Minister and Mrs. Levermore