

## **Japan handed over renovated school buildings and facilities and newly acquired equipment to the Warsop Primary school**

On February 27th, 2018, Ambassador Hiromasa Yamazaki attended the Handing-Over Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects for “the Renovation of Warsop Primary School” at Warsop Primary School in Trelawny. Approximately 80 people attended the ceremony, including The Hon. Ruel Reid, the Minister of Education, Youth and Information, MP of Trelawny Southern Mrs. Marisa Dalymple-Philibert and The Mayor of Falmouth, Councillor for the Warsop Division, his Worship the Mayor Colin Gager to celebrate this memorable moment.

The Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Codling-Smith and other teachers expressed their appreciation for the grant funding support that enabled Warsop Primary School to have more comfortable teaching and learning environment. She said that the school and the community members would ensure to properly maintain the donated facilities.

The Member of Parliament, Mrs. Dalymple-Philibert expressed her pleasure and appreciation for the gift to Warsop community from Japan with emphasizing that the education was the single ladder for the people to move from poverty into prosperity.

The Hon. Ruel Reid expressed his appreciation for the continuous support to educational sector in Jamaica from Japan and he admired Japan’s assistance to Warsop Primary School which would not only impact direct beneficiaries but the wider Warsop community and its environs.

Ambassador Yamazaki’s elated greetings interspersed with a bit of Jamaican “Patois” dialect and showed his pleasure to note the successful completion of the project. He also expressed his aim to work with Jamaican counterparts to enhance dialogue, deepen cooperation in key areas and better serve the interests of two countries under Japan-Jamaica Partnership.

The school was founded in 1935. Most of the classrooms and other school facilities were in critical needs of renovation; due to leaks, electrical problems, insufficient drainage, unpaved school yard and so on. Through the funds, the school renovated the buildings and facilities and newly acquired equipment so that the students can study in a more comfortable environment.



Keynote address from Minister Reid



Ambassador Yamazaki's related greetings interspersed with a bit of Jamaican "Patois" dialect.



Greetings from Mrs. Dalymple-Philibert



The students sang Jamaican popular songs.



The plaque was unveiled.



Minister Reid and Ambassador shook hands.





Ambassador and Minister Reid took pictures with students.



Mrs. Codling-Smith, principal of Warsop Primary School showed renovated buildings and facilities to Minister Reid and Ambassador Yamazaki.



The building got painted, new doors and handrail through the funds.



The lunches for the students were being cooked at renovated canteen.



Viewing of the library's electrical wiring, updated ceiling and new windows.



The students inside renovated classroom greeted Minister Reid and Ambassador Yamazaki





The room got new ceiling and electrical wiring updates.



The bathroom had been closed but thanks to renovation, it can be used now.



The gutter, pipe and water tank to catch, store and supply rain water



Renovated drainage



A lightning rod



Paved school yard