

The Handing Over Ceremony for “The Project for the Expansion of Orange Bay Primary School” under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects

On June 16th, 2016, H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan in Jamaica, attended the Handing Over Ceremony of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the “The Project for the Expansion of Orange Bay Primary School” at the Orange Bay Primary School in Portland. He handed over a new school building to Mrs. Gwendolyn Lindsay-Johnson, Principal of the Orange Bay Primary School.

When the school was established in 1940, there was one main building. The population has kept growing over the years. Currently, the school uses renovated reading room and old bathroom as supplementary classrooms to accommodate more than 200 children. This project was to construct an additional school building which houses 2 classrooms and install a perimeter-fence to provide an appropriate educational environment for young Jamaicans.

At the Ceremony, approximately 50 people, including the Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Hon. Darrel Vaz, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister, Councillor Wayne McKenzie, Mayor of Portland and Hon. Lincoln Thaxter, J.P, Custos of Portland were present. Minister Reid, other guests and participants expressed their appreciation to the support by the Government of Japan and promised to take good care of the gift and encourage the students to work hard. Ambassador Nakano noted the importance of education and Japanese Government intends to support in the field of education continuously. Ambassador Nakano also expressed his wish to further promote friendship between Japan and Jamaica through this project.



Handing over the donated building



Ambassador observes the classroom with Minister Reid