

The Handing Over Ceremony for the Expansion of Buff Bay High School Project 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 “Expansion of Buff Bay High School Project” at the Buff Bay High School in Portland. He handed over a new school building to Ms. Edith Smith, Chairperson of the Buff Bay High School Board.

The school was built in 1968 with the capacity of 200 students. The population has kept growing over the years and currently, there are over 800 students. The most overcrowded classroom has 51 students. This project is to construct an additional school building which includes 2 classrooms and 1 storage room to provide an appropriate educational environment for young Jamaicans.

At the Ceremony, approximately 100 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 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