

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project**  
**Handing Over Ceremony**  
**for**  
**The Project for Expansion of**  
**Care Bear Early Childhood Development Centre**

The handing over ceremony was held at Care Bear Early Childhood Development Centre, Kingston on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the new development center was officially handed over to Care Bear Early Childhood Development Centre.

Ambassador Yamazaki expressed his joy for the ceremony and highlighted that both the Governments of Japan and Jamaica shared the view of emphasis on the value of education at the early childhood level. He noted that the investment in education at the early age is critical for the overall development at a country and its people, and that impact and influences can have lifelong consequences laying the long-term sustainable development and growth in Jamaica. He also indicated his faith that the children will be taking leading roles in various aspects of Jamaican society in the future.

At the Care Bear Early Childhood Development Centre, an expansion of educational facility was the critical need as the capacity of classroom was overflowed. As a result of this new development center, the children can get a more comfortable educational environment.

The Deputy Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Ms. Dasmine Kennedy expressed her appreciation for the significant partnership between the Government of Jamaica and Japan. She noted that the Government of Jamaica has been making the great improvement regarding investment in Early Child Education as it is essential for the better development of Jamaica. She also extended her gratitude to the people and Government of Japan.



Ambassador Yamazaki delivering his keynote address



Greetings by Deputy Chief Education Officer, Ms. Dasmine Kennedy



Closing remarks by Mrs. Cynthia Roche-Porter, Principal, Care Bear Early Childhood Development Centre



Showing Appreciation by dance from the children, Care Bear Early Childhood Development Centre



Unveiling the development center with ribbon cutting by Deputy Chief Education Officer, Principal and Ambassador



Ambassador touring with the attendee of ceremony and children



Ambassador talking with children, Care Bear Early Childhood Development Centre



Community residents and parents attend at the ceremony