

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project**  
**Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for**  
**the Project for the Renovation of the Transition House for**  
**Female Victims and Survivors of Gender-based Violence**

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for “the Project for the Renovation of the Transition House for Female Victims and Survivors of Gender-based Violence” took place at PBCJ conference room, in Kingston. Under this project, the Government of Japan donated USD 113,992 to Woman Incorporated (Woman Inc.) to renovate an old building to create a long-term transition house.

Ambassador Yamazaki emphasized the importance of promotion of Women’s empowerment and he expressed his pleasure for providing the funding support to this project since Japan’s guiding principal of development cooperation is Human Security which is a concept that pursues the right of individuals to live happily and in dignity, free from fear and want through their protection and empowerment.

Woman Inc. has been providing the support to victims of Gender-based violence since its inception in 1984 and operates Jamaica’s only shelter for the emergency situations whenever women have to flee their homes in fear of abuse by her male partner to save her life as well as that of her children’s.

Through this project, Woman Inc. will provide female victims of Gender-based violence and their children with transition house where they can live safely without fear of abuse until they are ready not to go back to abusive situation. In addition, at the transition house they will be able to acquire the skills that enable them to take care of themselves through the training programmes provided by Woman Inc.

Mrs. Joyce Hewett, Executive Acting Director of Woman Inc. expressed her appreciation for the assistance from Japanese Government. Mrs. Kristal Tucker-Clarke, Acting Director of Policy and Research, Bureau of Gender Affairs of Ministry of Gender, Culture, Entertainment and Sport highlighted the importance of having partners such as the Embassy of Japan to eliminate the gender-based violence and expressed appreciation to the People of Japan.



Remarks from Ambassador Yamazaki



Ambassador Yamazaki and Mrs. Hewett, Acting Executive Director of Woman Inc. signed the Grant Contract.



Ambassador Yamazaki, Mrs. Hewett, Mrs. Tucker-Clarke and other members of Woman Inc. and Bureau of Gender Affairs.