

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Handing Over Ceremony for
The Project for Construction of Jamaica Foundation Lifelong Learning

The handing over ceremony was held at the Adult Education Center managed by HEART Trust / NTA, in Kingston on Monday, May 13, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the new classrooms were officially handed over to the HEART Trust / NTA.

Ambassador Yamazaki noted that he is pleased to note that Japan has partnered with Jamaica in executing this project to install the better educational access for adult learners not only in Kingston but also from many other parishes for boosting Jamaica's socio-economic development. There was the change in the structure of the Jamaican Foundation for Lifelong Learning which has been merged with the HEART Trust / NTA, and the project was officially handed over to the HEART Trust / NTA. Ambassador expressed confidence that the HEART Trust / NTA will continue to be proactively engaged in activities that promote the continuation of literacy education and vocational training. He hoped that every adult learner can get the best educational opportunity as Education is the premise of progress, in every society and in every family. He also noted that the new era called "REIWA" began in Japan as the Crown Prince was enthroned as the Emperor, and he wished the partnership between Jamaica and Japan will be expanded more in the new era as well.

At the Adult Education Centre located on East Street near to Kingston Gardens, approximately 200 new adult learners have been on the wait list and all classrooms were over its capacity. As a result of this construction of the new block containing new classrooms, the center will be able to accept more new applicants and students can get a better educational opportunity and comfortable learning environment.

The Chairman, of the HEART Trust / NTA, Mr. Edward Gabbidon expressed the signal of honour and his appreciation for the significant support towards the education sector provided by the Government of Japan to add the value to Jamaica's development. He noted that the literacy and numeracy is essential base for educational progress and lifelong development therefore he extended his gratitude for this partnership. Mr. Gabiddon also indicated that the Heart TRUST / NTA will maintain the new classrooms well and honor this gift from People and Government of Japan.



Ambassador Yamazaki delivering his remarks



Remarks from Mr. Edward Gabbidon, Chairman, The HEART Trust / NTA



Welcome & Opening remarks from Mrs. Novelette Denton Prince, Acting Managing Director, The HEART Trust / NTA



Showing Appreciation by drama from the students, the Adult Education Center



Ambassador touring the new classrooms led by Chairman and Mrs. McKay, Program Officer, the Adult Education Center



A section of students and teachers from the Adult Education Center in attendance at the ceremony