

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Handing Over Ceremony for
The Project for Renovation of Kitchen and Canteen
at Middleton Primary School

The handing over ceremony was held at Middleton Primary School, in St. Thomas on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the new kitchen and canteen were officially handed over to the Middleton Primary School.

Ambassador Yamazaki noted that he was pleased to see this completion of project that solved the challenges the school had been in great need to have renovation of the closed kitchen and canteen. He also indicated our assistance scheme, by focusing on human security, it is Japan's aim that no one should be left out from the development process. It is shared commitment by both our countries to the brief that "education of our peoples" is a very important foundational pillar for nation building, therefore he hoped that the foundation for school's continued improvement already facilitated by this grant will be well laid for years to come.

At the Middleton Primary School, St. Thomas, a renovation of kitchen and canteen new was the critical need as it was closed due to the issue of sanitation and lack of enough capacity and teachers and children have to purchase cooked lunches and have them transported from a very far neighboring school every day. As a result of this renovation of new kitchen and canteen, the school can provide an enough amount of school lunch for all children and they can get a healthier life opportunity and comfortable education environment.

After the opening remarks from the Principal of Middleton Primary School, Ms. Jennifer Crawford, The Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation and Leader of the House, Honourable Karl Samuda expressed that he valued for its contribution by the Government of Japan towards the development in the education sector in Jamaica. He noted that the Government of Jamaica has been focusing the improvement of basic education for the child's potential to be maximized so that he is pleased to receive the support in this area. He also encouraged the teachers and parents to take care of this improved environment and children as they are the future of Jamaica.



Ambassador Yamazaki delivering his remarks



Remarks from The Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation and Leader of the House, the Honourable Karl Samuda



Ambassador providing a school lunch to the children at the new kitchen



Showing Appreciation by dance from the children, Middleton Primary School



Unveiling the new kitchen and canteen with ribbon cutting by Minister and Ambassador



Children and teachers from Middleton Primary School and community residents in attendance at the ceremony