

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Handing Over Ceremony for
The Project for Construction of Highgate Primary & Junior High School

The handing over ceremony was held at Highgate Primary School, in St. Mary on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the new classrooms were officially handed over to the Highgate Primary School.

Ambassador Yamazaki noted that this project is an important milestone for Highgate and also Japan, which is a longstanding development partner with Jamaica and we support the holistic development of its education sector. He hoped that everyone including our children will be able to have sustainable livelihoods and socio-economic development through our Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project aimed at promoting basic human rights. He also introduced that Japan celebrates the traditional child's day event on May and March to wish for their sound growth and happiness, so he reiterated our genuine hope to continue our collaborative work with the people and Government of Jamaica to further improve the educational environment for our most precious treasures, our children.

At the Highgate Primary School, St. Mary, a construction of new classrooms was a critical need as due to overflowing classroom situations and it was challenging for the children to concentrate on studying. As a result of this construction of new classrooms, the school can provide more comfortable learning environment for children and they can pursue their best educational opportunities and extra curricula activities.

After the opening remarks from the Acting Principal of Highgate Primary School, Ms. Karlene Allen, the Member of Parliament, St. Mary, Dr. Morais Guy expressed that he is pleased to see the project completed as well as to attend this handover ceremony. He hoped that this new classrooms will last long and can serve subsequent generations to come. He also said parents and the entire community will receive the maximum benefit. He implored the school teachers and children to take proper care of this new building and to maintain a good environment.



Ambassador Yamazaki delivering his remarks



Greetings from the Member of Parliament, St. Mary, Dr. Morais Guy



Opening remarks from Ms. Karlene Allen, Acting Principal, Highgate Primary School



Showing their motivation by drama from the children, Highgate Primary School



Expression of appreciation through dance and music from the children, Highgate Primary School



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



Unveiling the new classrooms with ribbon cutting by the principal and Ambassador



Ambassador taking a photo with Ms.Brim, Ms.Allen and children, Highgate Primary School at the new classroom



Outward appearance of new classrooms



Inside of the new classroom