

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Handing Over Ceremony for
The Project for Construction of Epworth Primary School

The handing over ceremony was held at Epworth Primary School, in St. Ann on Thursday, June 6, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the new classrooms were officially handed over to the Epworth Primary School.

Ambassador Yamazaki noted that many persons share a common belief that “Education is one of the important sectors for the socio-economic development of every country” and highlighted that The Embassy of Japan has been supporting the development efforts of Jamaica in the area of basic human needs such as healthcare and education since 1995. He also expressed that he was pleased to observe the successful completion of this building facility and these new classrooms will be well used and maintained as a symbol of friendship between Japan and Jamaica, and that children will learn and grow up with happiness, mental fortitude and determination to reach their full potential.

At the Epworth Primary School, St. Ann, a construction of new classrooms was a critical need as due to overflowing classroom situations, noise level and unbearable heat which affected the teaching and learning environment. As a result of this construction of new classrooms, the school will be able to accept more new enrollment and provide a more comfortable learning environment and conducive working conditions for children and teachers.

After the opening remarks from the Principal of Epworth Primary School, Mr. Kirk Spencer who conveyed that the entire school community is greatly appreciative of the new classrooms, and have a new sense of pride, the Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Youth & Information, Mrs. Millicent Dacosta emphasized that the intelligence of students will be cultivated through education, and expressed her appreciation for the tangible support from the people of Japan while she had very good recollection of the history of Jamaica Japan collaboration under the Grassroots Human Security Project funded by the Government of Japan.



Ambassador Yamazaki delivering his remarks



Greetings from the Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Youth & Information, Mrs. Millicent Dacosta



Opening remarks from Mr. Kirk Spencer, Principal, Epworth Primary School



Expression of appreciation through the song from the children, Epworth Primary School



Unveiling the new classrooms with ribbon cutting



Attendees at ceremony including two centenarians and a host of community members