## Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project Handing Over Ceremony for

## The Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment for Spanish Town Hospital

The handing over ceremony was held at Spanish Town Hospital in St. Catherine on Wednesday 29th May, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, A state-of-the art Console ultrasound machine (LOGIQ PF R2.5) was officially handed over to the Spanish Town Hospital.

Ambassador Yamazaki expressed his pleasure to hand over the latest ultrasound machine that would allow for all pregnant woman to have access to high quality medical care by this. And also as a development partner of Jamaica, Japan's ODA stated that it would like to further continue the bilateral partnership between Japan and Jamaica, focusing on the philosophy of human security.

Spanish Town Hospital has the second largest maternity unit in the country with more than 5000 deliveries annually. However, only about 10 persons had been able to access the medical check with ultrasound unit daily because the hospital had owned an old model ultrasound machine and it was not in good condition. Lacking opportunity of the timely access to the latest model ultrasound machine had caused the cases of the maternal and child mortality and aggravation of the symptoms of maternal illness.

After the remarks form the Chief Executive Officer of Spanish Town Hospital, Mr. Dwayne Francis, the Minister of Health, Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton expressed that he wished to place on record the absolute appreciation to the Government and People of Japan for contributions that benefit the public health of the people and Government of Jamaica. Thanks to the people and Government of Japan the ultrasound machine (LOGIQ PF R2.5) is very timely, important and will add value to the Radiography/Diagnostic services provided by the Spanish Town Hospital. He also said the hospital will see the value being created in the use of the machine which will serve up to 100 persons on a weekly basis.



Address from Ambassador Yamazaki



Address from Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tuffton, Minister of Health & Wellness



Remarks from Mr. Dwayne Francis the CEO of Spanish Town Hospital

Ambassador and Minister Tuffton put hand together in front of the donated ultrasound machine



Ambassador and the staff of Spanish Town Hospital

A section of the audience from Spanish Town Hospital in attendance at the ceremony