

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Handing Over Ceremony for
The Project for Renovation of Zion Hill Primary School**

The handing over ceremony was held at Zion Hill Primary School, in Manchester on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the renovated school facilities were officially handed over to the Zion Hill Primary School.

Ambassador Yamazaki noted that Japan's assistance policy places emphasis on human security through our Grassroots Human Security Projects scheme which contributes to the empowerment of people to achieve sustainable development and better socio-economic livelihoods. As such he expressed how he is pleased to see this project is fully completed. He hoped that everyone in the community will also benefit especially from the use of the ICT room to foster their continued learning and that the school will continue to remain a beacon of hope and inspiration in molding the minds of every children who is valuable to the preservation of Jamaica's rich heritage, culture and society.

At the Zion Primary School, Manchester, renovation of school facilities was a critical need as due to the unfinished computer room, playfield with holes, constant flood in the school yard without storm water drain, unpaved path way, which affected the teaching and learning environment. As a result of the renovation of school facilities, the school can provide a better education environment and improve the healthier life style for children.

In the opening remarks, the Principal of Zion Hill Primary School, Ms. Simone Green Johnson highlighted that not only school but also the community will also receive this benefit. The Senior Officer, School's Operation Unit, Ministry of Education, Youth & Information, Mrs. Nordia Birthwright Hill noted the children is our future and the quality learning environment is essential for them. She expressed her sincere appreciation for the continued partnership between Jamaica and Japan.



Ambassador Yamazaki delivering his remarks



Greetings from the Senior Officer, School's Operation Unit, Ministry of Education, Youth & Information, Mrs. Nordia Birthwright Hill



Opening remarks from Ms. Simone Green Johnson, Principal, Zion Hill Primary School



Expression of appreciation through the song from the children, Zion Hill Primary School



Unveiling the new classrooms with ribbon cutting



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