

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project**  
**Handing Over Ceremony for**  
**The Project for the Construction of Blue Mountain Coffee Nursery**

The handing over ceremony was held at UCC Ueshima Coffee Company Rose Hill Farm in St. Andrew on Friday 4th October, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the Blue Mountain Coffee Nursery was officially handed over to the Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority (JACRA).

Ambassador Yamazaki said that the Government of Japan is contributing to the sustainable development of the Jamaican coffee industry through this project. He also expressed hope that the world's best quality Blue Mountain Coffee would prosper. He also stated that Japan would like to strengthen economic relations between Japan and Jamaica as well as the coffee industry.

In recent years, Blue Mountain Coffee producers have faced various problems, such as the treatment of large numbers of pests and plagues caused by changes in natural ecosystems due to deforestation, and the reduction in yield due to low planting density.

In order to solve the situation, JACRA built a Blue Mountain Coffee Nursery through the funds donated by the Government of Japan. Approximately 50,000 coffee seedlings will be distributed to coffee farmers who have undergone nursery training. It is expected to increase Blue Mountain Coffee production and improve the lives of coffee farmers.

UCC (Ueshima Coffee Company) provided its own land free of charge for this project. In addition, they provided cooperation in training and technical guidance for farmers. The UCC has been actively engaged in coffee production and environmental conservation in Jamaica for many years, including the opening of directly managed farms in 1981.

Mr. Gusland McCook, Director General (Acting), JACRA expressed his deep appreciation to the Government and People of Japan for this major contributions to the development of Jamaica's Blue Mountain Coffee. He also said JACRA would like to continue to produce higher quality coffee beans with coffee farmers following this project.



Address from Ambassador Yamazaki



Remarks from Mr. Gusland McCook, Director General(Acting), JACRA



Presentation of seedlings grown at the Coffee Nursery



Unveiling the Coffee Nursery with ribbon cutting



Performed song by students from Woodford Primary School at the ceremony



A section of the audience from St. Andrew in attendance at the ceremony