

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

The handing over ceremony was held at Lyssons Hill Primary School, in St. Thomas on Friday, November 22, 2019. Through our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, the new school bus was officially handed over to the Lyssons Primary School.

Counsellor Habukawa noted that Japan shares the similar views with Jamaica that 'all valuable citizens, including our children, should never be left behind in the process of development' and introduced the official development assistance that Government of Japan implemented in the grassroots level. He also hoped that the school will benefit from a viable school bus which is like 'life-line' in alleviating their daily transportation challenges or allow them to participate in extracurricular activities for the academic and personal development and improve the educational environment for the children.

The Lyssons Primary School was opened in 1972 as an all age school and reorganized as a primary school in 1995. Approximately 80% of the students live in distant area which will take 1 hour half by a car. Due to the lack of public transportation in the Lyssons Area and the school doesn't own the school bus, the children had challenges with the issue of safety and economical condition in transportation. As a result of this new school bus, the children will receive the safe transportation and it leads to enhancing the better education environment and promoting the ability of children in the community.

In the opening remarks, the Principal of Lyssons Primary School, Mrs. Evette Beecher highlighted that the school is honored to be the recipient of this funding from the Government of Japan. Dr. Fenton Ferguson, The Member of Parliament, St. Thomas Eastern noted many rural areas have serious problem with transportation and appreciated about the all support in St. Thomas by the Grassroots Human Security Projects. He also emphasized that expand of partnership between Jamaica and Japan is essential.



Counsellor Habulawa delivering his remarks



Greetings from Dr. Fenton Ferguson, The Member of Parliament, St. Thomas Eastern



Opening remarks from Mrs. Evette Beecher, Principal, Lyssons Primary School



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



Unveiling the new school bus with ribbon cutting



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