

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for
The Project for the Improvement of School Transportation System
At Tacius Golding High School

Two coaster buses for Tacius Golding High School will be granted by the Government of Japan. At the ceremony on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, the Grant Contract under the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project was signed between Ambassador Hiromasa Yamazaki and Mrs. Lena Joyce Russell, Principal, Tacius Golding High School for USD 135,233 at the Ambassador's Residence to purchase two coaster buses.

Ambassador Yamazaki hoped that the 'transportation difficulties' at the school is soon to be solved with the addition of two school buses and the students can feel more at ease going to school and arriving early with the addition of their own transportation. He noted that the Government of Japan highly value education in the conduct of our assistance to Jamaica and it is our fundamental belief that all students must have access to the critical resources that will foster their academic growth and development. In this the 55th year of Japan-Jamaica Diplomatic Relations and Friendship, he emphasized that we are proud to partner with Jamaican Authorities and people to intensify our work towards Jamaica's socioeconomic development program.

In understanding the highly important need for a coaster bus, the students had challenges with the issue of safety and economical condition in transportation. As a result of this new coaster bus, the students will receive the safe transportation and it leads to enhancing the better education environment and promoting the ability of students in the community.

In the vote of thanks, the Principal of Tacius Golden High School, Mrs. Lena Russell highlighted that the acquisition of a bus has been a repeat item on the school's development plans for the past 19 years and showed sincere appreciation for the people and Government of Japan. Honourable Dr. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health & Wellness noted that the Grassroots Human Security Project responds fast to the institution's needs and captures the interest of rural area and also it is extremely valuable as it's designed for the community people to receive the benefit in grassroots level. He attended some hand over ceremonies during this year and saw many communities developed by the Grassroots Human Security Project. He highly appreciated that this program implemented great contribution towards Jamaica's development progress and it shows the value of relationship between Jamaica and Japan.



Keynote address from Ambassador Yamazaki



Remarks from Honourable Dr. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health & Wellness



Minister Tufton shaking hands with Ambassador Yamazaki



Ambassador and Mrs. Russell, Principal from Tacius Golding High School signed Grant Contract



Showing Appreciation by song and play from the students, Tacius Golding High School



Officials, Stakeholders, Teachers and students in Memorial Photo