

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project**  
**Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for**  
**The Project for the Improvement of School Transportation System**  
**At Richmond Park Primary School**

One coaster bus for Richmond Park Primary School will be granted by the Government of Japan. At the ceremony on Thursday, January 23, 2020, the Grant Contract under the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project was signed between Ambassador Hiromasa Yamazaki and Mr. Delwyn Gordon, Principal, Richmond Park Primary School for USD 67,985 at the Ministry of Education Youth & Information Headquarters to purchase a coaster bus.

Ambassador Yamazaki noted that the signing ceremony and the funding support indicated the genuine commitment by the people and the Government of Japan to assist Jamaica to further enhance the education for its young citizens. He also espoused that the school community and its residents are self-motivated and working very hard to provide adequate infrastructure such as climate smart irrigation system to maintain their agricultural and poultry farming livelihoods. The ambassador also introduced the Japan-Jamaica summit meeting on last December with the Prime Minister Holness's visit to Japan and the important signed agreements on "Elimination of Double Taxation" and "Cooperation through a non-project Grant Aid" for the Economic and Social Development of Jamaica to assist in Jamaica's Maritime Affairs, Boarder Security, as well as Disaster Responses and Recovery efforts. He hoped that Prime Minister Holness's visit to Japan will further deepen the 55 years friendly relations between Japan and Jamaica and we continue our collaborative work with the people and Government of Jamaica to further improve the country's socioeconomic programs.

In understanding the highly important need for a coaster bus, the children had challenges with the issue of safety and economical condition in transportation. As a result of this new coaster 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 vote of thanks, the Principal of Richmond Park Primary School, Mr. Gordon expressed his gratitude that the safe and improved educational environment was given by the support from People and Government of Japan. The Minister of Education, Youth and Information Hon. Karl Samuda representing the Government of Jamaica said that the improvement of equal access to the educational environment is essential as same as the development of educational facility, and indicated his understanding about the challenges regarding the long commute in inappropriate condition. He extended his appreciation for the support by the people and Government of Japan and hoped that it will benefit for entire area in this community and continue the progress on future.



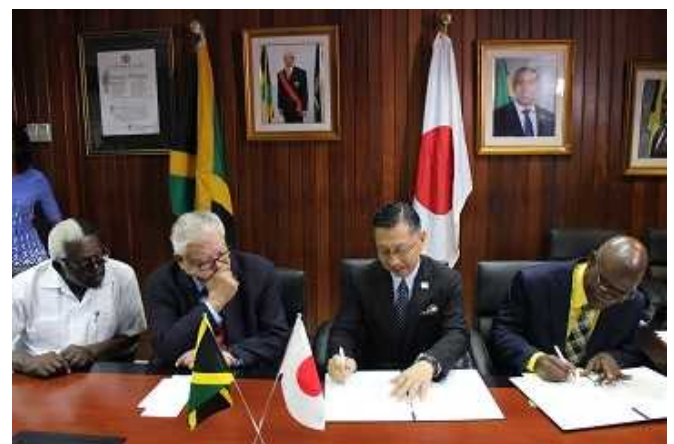
Keynote address from Ambassador Yamazaki



Remarks from The Minister of Education, Youth and Information Hon. Karl Samuda



Greetings from The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Parnell Charles



Ambassador and Mr. Gordon, Principal from Richmond Park Primary School signed Grant Contract



Officials, Stakeholders, Teachers and children from the school in attendance



Showing Appreciation by poetry from the children, Richmond Park Primary School