

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Project Handing Over Ceremony for

The Project for Rehabilitation of the Training Centre at Western Hospitality Institute

The handing over ceremony was held at the Western Hospitality Institute (WHI), Negril campus on December 8, 2020 for "the Project for Rehabilitation of the Training Centre at Western Hospitality Institute" implemented under the Grass-roots Human Security Projects Programme.

Ambassador Fujiwara pointed out in his keynote address that the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects in Jamaica places emphasis on the education sector. The completion of this project's training centre will contribute to developing human resources in the Westmoreland region where tourism plays a significant role. In addition, he stated that Japan will continue to support the people of Jamaica for the socio-econ empowerment.

This project was implemented in Westmoreland, western Jamaica where Negril, one of the prominent tourist destinations is located. The WHI Negril campus provides vocational education to unemployed youth to learn requisite skills in the tourism sector. However, the facility did not have classrooms available for students. Through the Grassroots Human Security Projects Programme, The WHI Negril campus has been refurbished with 2 computer rooms, 3 classrooms, 1 library, and 8 training rooms, and

students can receive practical training, which is expected with hope that the employment situation will be uplifted in the region.

At the handing over ceremony, Bertel Moore, the Mayor of Savanna-la-mar, Eladio Vassell, the Principal of the WHI, stakeholders, students, news media as well as other Jamaican guests were in attendance.

On behalf of the WHI Negril campus, Mr. Vassell mentioned that at the refurbished facility handed over to the WHI today, students can obtain quality education in the comfortable environment as he expressed his appreciation for the grant assistance from Japan.

Photos at the ceremony on December 8, 2020



Keynote address by Ambassador Fujiwara



Address by the Principal of the WHI



Address by His Worship The Mayor Bertel Moore Mayor of Savanna-la-Mar



Ribbon-cutting



Unveiling ceremony



Photo with students and stakeholders