

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

Two Coaster Buses for Lacovia High School will be donated by the Government of Japan. At the ceremony held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, the Grant Contract Agreement under the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project was signed between Ambassador Masaya Fujiwara and Mr. Ricardo Bennett, Principal, Lacovia High School for USD\$135,014 to purchase two coaster buses. The Signing Ceremony was held at the Ministry of Education & Youth Headquarters.

Ambassador Fujiwara said The Government of Japan believes that no country can develop effectively without investing in its people and all students must have access to the critical resources that will foster their academic growth and development. He also introduced the vision of Japan is to realize quality education through mutual learning "Learning for All, All for Learning" and promote sustainable development that needs to the foundation building and growth. The Ambassador hoped that the new school buses will primarily serve the needs of all students who will benefit from a reliable school bus transportation system and indicated the Embassy of Japan continues to work in tandem with all stakeholders to provide improved resources to strengthen the educational and learning environment for all youth who are beacons of hope and possibility.

In understanding the highly important need for a coaster bus in Lacovia, St. Elizabeth, the students commuting from the mountain side had challenges with the issue of safety and economical condition in accessing 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.

Notable attendees included, The Minister of Education & Youth, Hon. Fayval Williams, Principal of Lacovia High School, Mr. Ricardo Bennett, Teachers, Students and other Officials from the Ministry of Education and Youth.



Keynote address from Ambassador Fujiwara



Greetings from The Minister of Education, & Youth, Hon. Fayval Williams



Opening Remarks from Mr. Ricardo Bennett, Principal, Lacovia High School



Showing Appreciation by poetry from the students, Lacovia High School



Ambassador and Mr. Bennett, Principal, Lacovia High School signed Grant Contract



Handing Over a check to the school