

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

The handing over ceremony was held at Lacovia High School, in St. Elizabeth on Friday, October 7, 2022. Purchased under our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects Programme, two(2) new school buses were officially handed over to the Lacovia High School.

Ambassador Fujiwara noted in his remarks that our vision is to realize quality education through mutual learning “ Learning for ALL, All for Learning” and promote sustainable development that leads to the foundation for nation building and growth and indicated that we stand together with Jamaica in hope and partnership to further strengthen the Education system at the fundamental primary and secondary levels as we move towards the Post-COVID-19 Pandemic era with the full reopening of schools for students to pursue their education and life-long skills training opportunities. He also mentioned that he is pleased to continue working in partnership with the people and Government of Jamaica in strengthening the Education sector in which “all students can have access to the critical resources that will foster their growth and development” and expressed that the two(2) new school buses will provide reliable transportation service for every student learner/beneficiary in this institution of academic excellence.

At the Lacovia High School, St. Elizabeth, improvement of school transportation was a critical need as due to the students had challenges with the issue of safety and economical condition in transportation. As a result of this new school buses, the students will receive the safe transportation which ensures a more conducive teaching and learning environment that promotes and nurtures the skills, abilities and talents of students in the community.

Notable attendees included; The Minister of Education & Youth, Hon. Fayval Williams, Member of Parliament, St. Elizabeth North Western, Hon. Mr. William JC Hutchinson, Chairman of Lacovia High School, Mrs. Lola Marshal Williams, Principal of Lacovia High School, Mr. Ricardo Bennett, Teachers, Students, other Officials from the National Education Trust, and 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



Unveiling the new school bus with ribbon cutting



Students from Lacovia High School in attendance at the ceremony