

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project**  
**Handing Over Ceremony for**  
**The Project for the Provision of School Bus**  
**for Rest Primary and Infant School**

The handing over ceremony was held at Rest Primary and Infant School in Westmoreland on Thursday, October 02, 2025. Under our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects Programme, one (1) new school bus was handed over to the Rest Primary and Infant School.

Ambassador Atsumi stated in his remarks that Japan has a high track-record of assisting projects in Jamaica and other Partner countries that contribute to the protection and empowerment of people. He also stated that with the provision of school buses, many students will benefit from safe and reliable transportation. He sincerely expressed his hope that the dedicated efforts of this primary school will produce fruitful results through this new Grassroots Project fostered by the Embassy and nurtured in the spirit of cooperation among all stakeholders. He further conveyed Japan's intention to work together with Jamaica to strengthen the primary and secondary education systems, and expressed his commitment to building an even stronger partnership between Japan and Jamaica.

At the Rest Primary and Infant School, Clarendon, improving school transportation has been a critical need, as the students face challenges related to safety and financial constraints. Through this project, the provision of the new school bus will enable the students to commute safely and will contribute to securing the students learning opportunities that foster and nurture their skills, abilities and talents.

Notable attendees included; Parliamentary Secretary representing Senator Dr The Hon Dona Morris Dixon, Minister of Education & Youth, Senator Morlon Morgan, Member of Parliament for Clarendon South Western Mr. Lothan Cousins and Board Chair of Rest Primary and Infant School, Ms. Beverly Boothe, Principal of Rest Primary and Infant School, Dr. Sandra Smith, teachers, students, other officials from the National Education Trust, and Ministry of Education and Youth.



Keynote address from Ambassador Atsumi



Keynote address from Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Education, Skill, Youth & Information Senator Marlon Morgan



Dance Performed by students from Rest Primary School and Infant



Keynote address from the School Board Chairman Miss Beverly Boothe



Unveiling the new school bus with ribbon cutting



Keynote address from Member of Clarendon South Western Mr. Lothan Cousins



Ambassador Atsumi and Senator Marlon Morgan



Ambassador Atsumi boarding the bus