

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2017:
Completion Ceremony of “The Project for Improving Children’s Playground Equipment in Kotayk Province and Lori Province”

On June 28th, 2018, a Completion Ceremony of “The Project for Improving Children’s Playground Equipment in Kotayk Province and Lori Province” within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects was held at Stepanavan City of Lori Province. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Jun Yamada (Ambassador of Japan to Armenia) as well as Ms. Anahit Tovmasyan (President of Improve Our Village NGO), Ms. Bela Shigaryan (President of International Society for Human Rights NGO), Mr. Michael Gharakeshishyan (Mayor of Stepanavan City), and other guests including large number of children and parents in Stepanavan City.

The project aimed to improve children’s playgrounds in four kindergartens in Kotayk Province and in one central park in Stepanavan City of Lori Province. As a result of the project, 3,230 children have access to safe and upgraded playground equipment in rural areas. The Grant Contract (G/C) was signed between the Embassy of Japan and NGO “Improve Our Village” on March 7th, 2018. Total amount of USD 44,768 was funded by the Government of Japan (See also [here](#) for the article of Signing Ceremony).

Project Name : The Project for Improving Children’s Playground Equipment in Kotayk Province and Lori Province
(at Kamaris, Kasakh, Bjni, Zovuni Village of Kotayk Province / Stepanavan City of Lori Province)
Recipient : NGO “Improve Our Village” / Implementing partner NGO “International Society for Human Rights”
G/C Amount : UDS 44,768 (JPY 4,924,480)
G/C Signed Date : March 7th, 2018



Traditional welcome ceremony



Traditional dance by children



Opening speech by Stepanavan Municipality



Speech by IOV President Ms. Tovmasyan



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Yamada



Speech by ISHR President Ms. Shigaryan



Awarding by Mayor Mr. Gharakeshishyan



Final output on ODA plate by the Ambassador



Park tour guided by the Mayor



Children playing with the provided equipment



Children and parents resting in the provided pavilion



Gathering picture with the Ambassador