

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2017:
Signing Ceremony of “The Project for Improving Newborn Hearing Examination in the Republic of Armenia”

On March 14th, 2018, a Signing Ceremony of “The Project for Improving Newborn Hearing Examination in the Republic of Armenia” within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects was held at Yerevan. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Eiji Taguchi (Ambassador of Japan to Armenia) as well as Ms. Tamara Manukyan (Co-President of Havat NGO), Mr. Ara Babloyan (President of National Assembly), Ms. Karine Danielyan (Head of Maternity and Childcare Department), Mr. Nikolay Dalakyan (Director of Medical Center "Astvacamayr") and other guests.

The project aims to establish a complete early detection system of hearing loss in Armenia by providing newborn hearing screening devices to 21 maternal hospitals, where approximately 20,000 babies are given birth annually in total (almost half of whole birth number per year). Theoretically, 3 per 1,000 babies born with inborn hearing impairments. By enabling early detection and timely intervention of hearing loss, large number of disability children will be able to enroll into ordinary schools, thus paving their way to be part of the society. Up to the present, 25 maternal hospitals (i.e. ≈ 22,000 babies/year) equip with the newborn hearing screening devices, through contribution by the Japanese Government and other donors. Covering rest of maternal hospitals in this project, the Japanese Government will assist to improve hearing disorder circumstances in Armenia.

Project Name : The Project for Improving Newborn Hearing Examination in the Republic of Armenia (Country-wide scale)
Recipient : NGO “Havat”
G/C Amount : USD 90,667 (JPY 9,973,370)
G/C Signed Date : March 14th, 2018



Opening speech by Ms. Manukyan



Performance by children



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Taguchi



Speech by Mr. Babloyan



Speech by Mr. Dalakyan
(Director of Medical Center "Astvacamayr")



Speech by Ms. Danielyan



Signing on the Grant Contract



Strong handshake by Ambassador Taguchi and Ms. Manukyan