

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2018:  
Signing Ceremony of “The Project for Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Power System in Azatan Village”

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, a Signing Ceremony of “The Project for Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Power System in Azatan Village” within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects was held in Azatan Village, Shirak Province. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Jun Yamada (Ambassador of Japan to Armenia) as well as Mr. Nver Torosian (President of “Eurasia” CPO), Mr. Ara Melqjanyan and Ms. Sofia Hovsepyan (Deputy Governors of Shirak Province), Mr. Vardan Ikilikyan (Head of Azatan Community), and numbers of residents.

The project aims to construct a Solar Photovoltaic Power Station (70kW) in Azatan Village and supply clean energy to all the major public facilities in the community. The new power system will enable the municipality to self-sustainably improve the community infrastructures through saved electricity expenses, but will also significantly characterize the village as an “eco village”.

*Note: Armenia has a significant solar energy potential. According to the Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources, the average annual amount of solar energy flow per square meter of horizontal surface is about 1,720 kWh whilst that of in Europe (approx. 1,000 kWh). Particularly, Shirak Province and Azatan village are said to have very favorable condition for solar power generation and more of solar systems are expected to be developed in this region.*

**Project Name :** The Project for Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Power System in Azatan Village  
**Recipient :** “Eurasia” CPO  
**G/C Amount :** USD 64,218 (JPY 7,192,416)  
**G/C Signed Date :** July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018



Welcoming by a bishop



A craft gifted by a girl



Flags of Japan-Armenia



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Yamada



Speech by the President of NGO Mr. Torosyan



Speech by the Deputy Governor Ms. Hovsepyan



Speech by the Village Head Mr. Ikilikyan



Gift from Azatan Village



Signing on the Grant Contract



Strong handshake between Ambassador Yamada and Mr. Torosyan



Traditional dance by children



Performance by Japan Karate Shoto Federation (JKS)



Cake cut



Visit to the construction site



The visit guided by chiefs of the village