

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2017:
Completion Ceremony of “The Project for Heating System Improvement of School No.8 in Spitak City”

On July 31st, 2018, a Completion Ceremony of “The Project for Heating System Improvement of School No.8 in Spitak City” within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects was held at Spitak City of Lori Province. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Jun Yamada (Ambassador of Japan to Armenia) as well as Mr. Sargis Markosyan (Executive Director of Spitak Farmer NGO), Mr. Araik Harutyunyan (Minister of Education and Science), Mr. Serob Gabrielyan (Head of Fire-Rescue Station of Spitak city, Ministry of Emergency Situations), Mr. Andrey Ghukasyan (Deputy Governor of Lori Province), Mr. Aram Khachatryan (Deputy Governor of Lori Province), Mr. Gagik Sahakyan (Mayor of Spitak City) Ms. Lusik Sardaryan (Director of Spitak School N8) and other guests including large number of students and parents.

The project aims to improve heating system of School No. 8 in Spitak City which is located at a district for resettlement of victims from the 1988 Spitak Earthquake and which is the only educational institution in the city to provide inclusive education to children with physical disabilities. The Japanese Government financed for installing solar panels and combined gas & solar heating system. By improving the heating system, not only 350 students and 58 teachers benefit from the favorable condition, but also the improved heating system allows 37% of CO2 reduction (compared to upgrading a gas heating system). Notably, this project has become a first model in whole public schools in Armenia to adopt solar energy to heating system. Furthermore, the solar energy also functions as supplying electricity to the school. Surplus of produced electricity can be converted into cash by selling to an electricity company as well. The Grant Contract (G/C) was signed between the Embassy of Japan and NGO “Spitak Farmer” on March 11th, 2018. Total amount of USD 82,992 was funded by the Government of Japan (See also [here](#) for the article of Signing Ceremony).

Project Name : The Project for Heating System Improvement of School No.8 in Spitak City (at Spitak City of Lori Province)
Recipient : NGO “Spitak Farmer”
G/C Amount : UDS 82,992 (JPY 9,129,120)
G/C Signed Date : March 11th, 2018



Wreath-laying for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake



Traditional welcome ceremony by students



Welcoming by students



Opening speech by representatives of graduates



Welcome performance by students, graduate and staff



Speech by the Director Ms. Sardaryan



Speech by the Mayor Mr. Sahakyan



Speech by the Minister Mr. Harutyunyan



Speech by the Deputy Governor Mr. Ghukasyan



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Yamada



Installed heating system



Installed solar panels on the roof of school