

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

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Completion Ceremony of the Grant Contract for “The Project for Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Power System in Azatan Village” in the amount of USD 64,218 (JPY 7,192,416) 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” Charity Public Organization (CPO), Mr. Tigran Petrosyan, Governor of Shirak Province, Mr. Vardan Ililikyan, Head of Azatan Village, members of the recipient CPO and many residents in the village.

The project aimed 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”. The installation of this system will contribute to as many as 1,100 beneficiaries in the village.

Note: The Government of Armenia has been making efforts to promote the renewable energy as one of the most important policies on the development strategy 2014 – 2015 to improve the self - sufficiency rate of the energy. Particularly, the potential of the solar energy is regarded as significant in the nation. 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). Especially, Shirak Province and Azatan village are said to have very favorable condition for solar power generation as they have more than 320 sunny days on average per year and more of solar systems are expected to be developed in this region.



Ambassador Yamada received traditional welcome ceremony



Tape-cutting ceremony by Ambassador Yamada and Mr. Torosian, President of “Eurasia” CPO



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Yamada



Ambassador Yamada's photo session with the Governor of Shirak Province, Head of Azatan village, and President of “Eurasia” CPO