

Signing ceremonies for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2018 in Gyumri city

On March 7th, 2019, Mr. Jun Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia participated in three signing ceremonies for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2018 at the Gyumri Municipality office in Shirak province, the northwestern part of Armenia. In addition to Ambassador Yamada, the ceremony was attended by Mr. Samvel Balasanyan, Mayor of Gyumri as well as representatives and staff from three recipient organizations and so on.

First of all, Ambassador Yamada and Bishop Mikael Ajapahyan, Primate of Shirak Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church signed the Grant Contract (G/C) (USD 26,923 (JPY 3,015,376)) for “The Project for Improvement of Social-Educational Center for the unemployed in Gyumri”. The project aims to rehabilitate and renovate the building of the Social-Educational Center in Gyumri, that provides the unemployed with the vocational training and install the necessary equipment. It is expected to increase the number of trainees from 70 at the moment to 105 and promote the engagement of the unemployed and vulnerable men and women in the social participation. After they are trained based on the curriculum, 30 % of the trainees would be employed or start their own new business.

Secondly, Ambassador Yamada and Ms. Narine Sargsyan, President of “The Future is Yours” Charitable Social NGO signed the G/C (USD 77,185 (JPY 8,644,720)) for “The Project for Provision of School Equipment for State Vocational School No. 1 in Gyumri”. The school has currently the most trainees as a vocational school in the province and provides 246 students with the three courses such as the hair-dressing, cooking and sewing. On the other hand, as the equipment of the school has been utilized for the long

time since the time of the Soviet Union, most of them are broken, exhausted or missing. Therefore, the project aims to provide and renew the existing equipment of the school and it is expected to improve the study environment for 246 participants and working environment for 58 school teachers.

Lastly, Ambassador Yamada and Mr. Gagik Tarasyan, Executive Director of “Armenian Caritas” Benevolent NGO signed the G/C (USD 21,634 (JPY 2,423,008)) for “The Project for Rehabilitation of Day Care Centers for the Elderly in Gyumri and Tashir”. The both Centers have been crucial in both local communities as they have accepted and taken care of the single elderly who are extreme poor and provided the social service such as the feeding, medical checkup, bathing and laundry. Nevertheless, as they were built approximately 30 years ago, it is concerned that both centers have risks such as the degradation of the facilities and troubles of equipment that might cause the safety and sanitation problems for the users. The project aims to rehabilitate and renovate the both buildings of the Centers. It also replaces the long-used and obsolete equipment such as the wheelchairs and supportive walkers with the new items, contributing to improving the health service provision to the elderly. It is expected that the living conditions of 110 elderly and working environment of 14 staff at the centers will be improved.



Ambassador Yamada attended a meeting with
Mr. Samvel Balasanyan, Mayor of Gyumri



Ambassador Yamada exchanged the G/C with
Bishop Mikael Ajapahyan, Primate of Shirak
Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church



Gratitude speech by Ms. Narine Sargsyan,
President of "The Future is Yours"



Ambassador Yamada shook hands with Mr. Gagik
Tarasyan, Executive Director of
"Armenian Caritas" after signing