

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

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a Signing 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. Eiji Taguchi (Ambassador of Japan to Armenia) as well as Mr. Sargis Markosyan (Executive Director of Spitak Farmer NGO), Mr. Davit Karapetyan (Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations), Mr. Serob Gabrielyan (Head of Fire-Rescue Station of Spitak city, Ministry of Emergency Situations), Mr. Artur Nalbandyan (Governor of Lori Province), Mr. Gagik Sahakyan (Mayor of Spitak City) and other guests.

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 will mainly assist for procuring combined gas & solar heating system. By improving the heating system, not only 350 students and 58 teachers will benefit from the favorable condition, but also the improved heating system will allow 37% of CO2 reduction (compared to upgrading the existing gas heating system). Notably, this project will become a first model in whole public schools in Armenia to adopt solar energy to heating system. Subsequent to “Improvement of School No. 3 in Spitak City” Phase I (2010) and Phase II (2014), this project is the third time to cooperate with Spitak Farmer NGO.

In addition, the ceremony was held on the same day of Commemoration Ceremony of The Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The signing ceremony was flourished by collaborating with the Commemoration Ceremony. (For detail, please check the article [here](#))

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Traditional welcome ceremony by student



Welcoming by students



Welcome performance by students, graduate and staff



Opening speech by Spitak Mayor Mr. Sahakyan



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Taguchi



Speech by the Director of School N8



Signing on the Grant Contract



Strong handshake by Ambassador Taguchi and Mr. Markosyan (Executive Director of NGO)



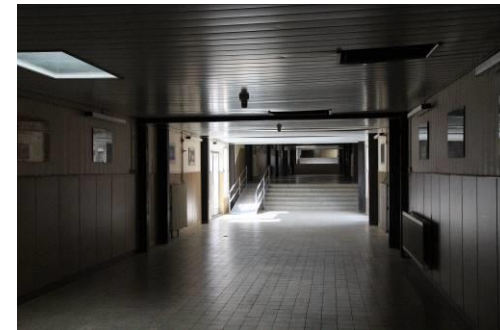
Speech by Governor Mr. Nalbandyan



Guests from the Ministry of Emergency Situation



Exhibition at the entrance of school



School hall, one of targeted areas of improvement

**【Press Release】**

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Fortuna TV : <http://fortunatv.am/post-2352/>

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