## Sakura tree planting in Gyumri

On April 27 Ambassador Yamada was invited to the ceremony of 200 Japanese sakura seedlings planting, presented by "Nihon Sakuranokai", at the site of Disabled Children School in Northern part of Gyumri, where he planted the trees together with the participants.



Ambassador Yamada planted sakura seedlings with Mr. Gagik Tarasyan, Executive Director of "Armenian Caritas" NGO



Local police also participated as volunteers



Tree planting participants with Mr. Tigran Petrosyan, Governor of the Shirak Region



Mr. Tigran Petrosyan, Governor of the Shirak Region (left side of the photo)



Local participants during tree planting process



Mr. Shodai Uchida,Chef of the Ambassador Yamada, and Mr. Harutyun Abrahamyan, Embassy employee







Ms. Lilit Makunts, Head of "My step" Faction



Toast with Japanese sake (the 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left is Ms. Makunts, Head of "My step" Faction, the 4<sup>th</sup> from the right is Mr. Samvel Balasanyan, Mayor of Gyumri)



Mayor Balasanyan, Ms. Makunts, Head of "My step" Faction, Mr. Tarasyan, Executive Director of "Armenian Caritas" NGO, and Governor Petrosyan, the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right