

## **Completion Ceremony for the Project for Improvement of Fire Fighting Equipment between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Armenia**

On May 6, 2019, the Completion Ceremony for the Project for Improvement of Fire Fighting Equipment between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Armenia was held at the Ministry of Emergency Situations. The project is worth up to JPY 1,540,000,000 (approximately USD 13,750,000) funded by the Government of Japan for obtaining fire trucks for the technical replenishment of rescue subdivisions of Shirak, Lori and Syunik regions, which are the important areas of disaster prevention in Armenia.

The Ceremony took place in the presence of Ambassador Jun Yamada, Mr. Yukihiro Ejiri, Resident Representative in Georgia, Japan International Cooperation Agency, and representatives of the companies from the Japanese side. From Armenian side, Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, Prime-Minister of RA, Mr. Feliks Tsolakyan, Minister of Emergency Situations, Mr. Hakob Arshakyan, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technologies, Mr. Suren Papikyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Development, Mr. Arthur Vanetsyan, NSS Director, Mr. Armen Grigoryan, Secretary of the National Security Council, Mr. Valery Osipyan, Chief of Police, Mr. Avet Adonts, deputy minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tigran Petrosyan, Governor of Shirak region, Mr. Andrey Ghukasyan, Governor of Lori region, and other high-ranking officials took part in the ceremony.

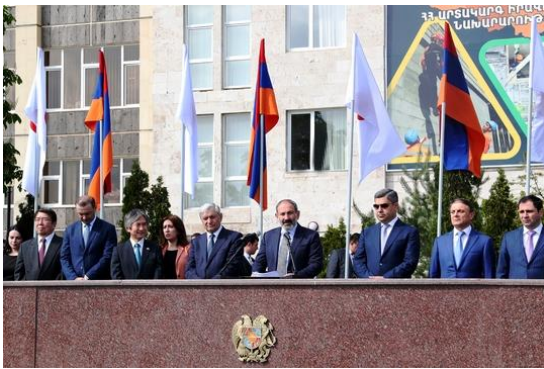
During the Ceremony, Japanese and Armenian national anthems were performed. After the speeches by both sides, the Ceremony was followed by observation of demonstrated 14 firefighting equipment, release of fire equipment and demonstration of water jets and redemption of the stamps, released in honor of Japan assistance to Armenia, in front of the Khachkar (Cross-stone).



From the left Mr. Feliks Tsolakyan, Minister of Emergency Situations



Orchestra of the Ministry of Emergency Situations performs national anthems of both countries



Speech by Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, Prime-Minister of RA



Speech by Ambassador Yamada in Armenian



Fire Fighting Equipment Demonstration



Firefighters of the Ministry of Emergency Situations



Prime-Minister watches the demonstration of water jets



Prime-Minister and Minister of Emergency Situations observe the equipment



Participants sign the Stamps