

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2018:
Completion Ceremony of
“The Project for Constructing a Multi-functional Community Centre in Ijevan”

On October 3rd, 2019, the Completion Ceremony of the Grant Contract for “The Project for Constructing a Multi-functional Community Centre in Ijevan” USD 68,438 (JPY 7,665,056) within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of Japan was held in Ijevan city, Tavush Region. The Ceremony was attended by Mr. Jun Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Bagrat Galstanyan, Primate Bishop of Tavush Diocese, Ms. Inga Harutyunyan, CEO of Pahapan (implementing partner) NGO, Mr. Hayk Chobanyan, the Governor of Tavush Region, Mr. Hayk Ghalumyan, the Acting Mayor of the Ijevan city, Mr. Nazariy Lavrinenko, Bishop from Saint Petersburg and Mr. Sepuh Chouldjian, Archbishop of Gougarak Diocese in Vanadzor, Ms. Karine Baghdasaryan, the program director of World Council of Churches and a number of private benefactors from USA, Canada and Armenia, and others.

The project aims to establish a multi-functional community center in Ijevan which provides socio-education, vocational training and social-psychological services for vulnerable population in the region, particularly targeting women and youth. More than 1,000 women and youth are expected to benefit from various programs offered at the center. The center will also create employment opportunity up to 30 people. The project is a product of multilateral cooperation of the Tavush Diocese with Governments, International Organizations, Business entities, NGOs and private benefactors. Major scopes are undertaken by Japanese Government to construct interior of the building, UNFPA to finance for vocational trainings, Pahapan NGO to conduct vocational trainings, World Council of Churches Armenia Inter-Church Charitable Round Table Foundation to cover for running costs of the center and Ijevan Municipality to grant for the land.



Welcomed by the local children in front of the community center



Ribbon cutting by Ambassador Yamada at the opening ceremony



Planted the commemorative tree by Ambassador Yamada



Speech by Mr. Galstanyan, Primate Bishop of Tavush Diocese



Chorus by the children



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Yamada



Speech by Mr. Chobanyan,
Governor of Tavush Region



Ambassador Yamada received the letter of
appreciation from Bishop Galstanyan



Ms. Harutyunyan, CEO of Pahapan received the letter of appreciation from Bishop Galstanyan



Community center building and Bishop Galstanyan



ODA plate describing that the center was sponsored by the Embassy of Japan