Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2019:

Signing Ceremony of

"The Project for Equipping Kindergarten of Meghri Community with Solar Energy System" and
"The Project for Drinking Water Supply in Jujevan Village"

On November 29th, 2019, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contracts for "The Project for Equipping Kindergarten of Meghri Community with Solar Energy System" and "The Project for Drinking Water Supply in Jujevan Village" within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of Japan was held at the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of RA. The Ceremony was attended by Mr. Jun Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Vache Terteryan, First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure, Mr. Hovhannes Ghazaryan, Executive Director of "My Step" Foundation, Ms. Syuzan Sargsyan, Director of "Kindergarten of Meghri Community", Ms. Hasmik Azibekyan, President of "Community Center for Development" Territorial Cooperation NGO and others.

Firstly, Ambassador Yamada and Ms. Syuzan Sargsyan, Director of "Kindergarten of Meghri Community" signed the Grant Contract (G/C) (USD 51,154) for "The Project for Equipping Kindergarten of Meghri Community with Solar Energy System". The project aims to equip the Kindergarten of Meghri community with solar energy system and a water heater in cooperation with "My Step" Foundation, which supports the renovation of the Kindergarten. As a result, 300 children and their families, as well as 47 Kindergarten employees will directly benefit from this initiative.

Secondly, Ambassador Yamada and Ms. Hasmik Azibekyan, President of "Community Center for Development" Territorial Cooperation NGO signed the G/C (USD 68,382) for "The Project for Drinking Water Supply in Jujevan Village". The project aims to construct a water catchment of natural sources, located 3 kilometers far from Jujevan village and water pipelines supplying the water to the community. It is expected to improve the sanitary and hygiene conditions of Jujevan village where 600 citizens reside, thus improving the protection of human health.

Warmly welcoming all the guests, Mr. Terteryan expressed his gratitude to the Japanese Government, as well as the Embassy of Japan in Armenia and representatives from each organization for their contribution and active participation in the field of community development which promotes green energy and improves infrastructure.

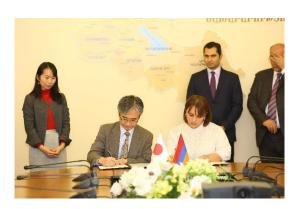
Ambassador Yamada, in his turn, mentioned that the future of Armenia depends on its regional development and congratulated all the parties involved in these two projects, wishing them a successful completion in the near future.

For their part, the representatives of the "My Step", partner organization of "The Project for Equipping Kindergarten of Meghri Community with Solar Energy System" and recipient organizations thanked Ambassador Yamada for the exceptional opportunity and reassured that all the efforts will be put into the smooth implementation of the projects.

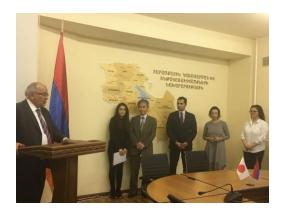


Ambassador Yamada exchanged the G/C with

Ms. Syuzan Sargsyan, Director of "Kindergarten
of Meghri Community"



Ambassador Yamada and Ms. Hasmik Azibekyan, President of CCD NGO, signed the G/C



Welcoming speech by Mr. Vache Terteryan,

Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration

and Infrastructure



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Yamada



Gratitude speech by Mr. Hovhannes Ghazaryan, Executive Director of "My Step" Foundation