

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2019:

Signing Ceremony of

“The Project for the Establishment of a Sensory Integration Room for the Benefit of Children with Disabilities, their Families and Louse Center’s Staff”

On December 13th, 2019, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for “The Project for the Establishment of a Sensory Integration Room for the Benefit of Children with Disabilities, their Families and Louse Center’s Staff” in the amount of USD 46,213 within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of Japan was held in the premises of “Yerevan My Love” foundation. The Grant Contract (G/C) was signed by Mr. Jun Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Mr. Arshak Karapetyan, Executive Director of “Yerevan My Love” Foundation. The Ceremony took place in the presence of Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian, the Spouse of the President of Armenia, Ms. Zaruhi Batoyan, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs and others, including the children in the Louse center, their families, as well as the staff of “Yerevan My Love” Foundation.

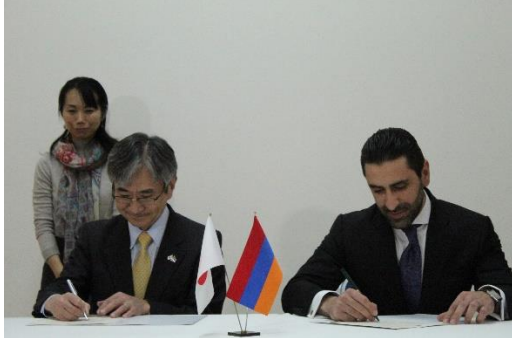
The project initiated by “Yerevan My Love” Foundation aims to establish a unique sensory integration room in its Louse center which will help children with special needs and their parents for processing the senses. Beneficiary children involved in sensory integration therapies will improve their independent living and self-care skills, while their parents will have respite which will lead to positive parenting. As a result, about 200 children and their caregivers will directly benefit from the Project.

Warmly welcoming all the guests, Mr. Karapetyan stated that the contract brought a new beginning of mutual cooperation and highlighted the fact that the establishment of a sensory integration room would be unique in the whole country in terms of sensory integration.

The Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Ms. Zaruhi Batoyan congratulated all the children and their parents on that occasion and emphasized that the establishment of such centers is perfectly in line with the State Policy and is very important to promote rights and community living for children with disabilities.

Ambassador Yamada, in his turn, added that the number of social-rehabilitation centers in Armenia is rather scarce despite the huge need. In that regard, the Ambassador expressed his hope that the Project would fill in the gap and ensure families’ social and psychological well-being.

The Ceremony had a very symbolic ending: all the children and staff of Louse center had the pleasure of Christmas tree decorating with the Spouse of the President of Armenia, Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian and all the other honorable guests.



Ambassador Yamada and Mr. Arshak Karapetyan, Director of “Yerevan My Love” foundation, signed the G/C



Welcoming Speech by Mr. Karapetyan, Director of “Yerevan My Love” foundation



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Yamada



Congratulatory address by Ms. Zaruhi Batoyan, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs



Honorable Guests of the Ceremony: Ms. Zaruhi Batoyan, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian, the Spouse of the President of Armenia and Ambassador Yamada



Ambassador Yamada with Louse Center's Children



Louse children's choir performing songs by Komitas



The symbolic ending of the Ceremony: Ambassador Yamada decorating the Christmas Tree



Mrs. Noneh Sarkissian decorating the Christmas
Tree with Louse Center's Children