## Completion Ceremony of the Project for Provision of Musical Instruments of the National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia

On February 11, 2021, the Completion Ceremony of the "Project for Provision of Musical Instruments of the National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia" worth USD 90,889 and special concert were held at the National Center of Chamber Music in Yerevan.

In the Completion Ceremony, speeches were delivered by Mr. Jun Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Arayik Khzmalyan, Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, and Mr. Norayr Nazaryan, the Director of the National Center of Chamber Music in the presence of guests and media representatives. After the speeches, Ambassador Yamada and Mr. Nazaryan uncovered the ODA plate on the wall.

Through this Project, various musical instruments and equipment (made by YAMAHA) including grand piano, Clavinova, various large percussion instruments and background sound system were provided to the National Center of Chamber Music, in order to support and promote the musical activity of the Center. This project will contribute to opening new possibilities by inviting Armenia's and world's top class soloists and significantly expanding the repertoire of National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia.

Following the Ceremony, a special concert titled "From the people of Japan" was held, employing the newly arrived instruments. At the beginning of the concert, Mr. Tigran Arshakyan, the representative of YAMAHA in Armenia delivered a speech, congratulating and thanking for the cooperation for the Project.

The program consisted of Keyboard Concerto in d minor BWV1052 (J.S. Bach) and "Carmen Suite" (Bizet/Shchedrin). The State Chamber Orchestra performed under the baton of Maestro Robert Mlkeyan and with pianist Ms. Svetlana Navasardyan, delivering masterfully beautiful sound. In the audience, several high-ranking government officials as well as the foremost Armenian contemporary composers like Mr. Tigran Mansuryan and Mr. Robert Amirkhanyan were also present.

In the reception after the concert, the guests and all the parties involved in the Project congratulated each other on the successful conclusion.



Speech by Ambassador Yamada



Speech by Deputy Minister Mr. Khzmalyan



Speech by Mr. Nazaryan, the Director of the National Center of Chamber Music



Ambassador Yamada and Mr. Nazaryan shaking hands after uncovering the ODA plate



Mr. Tigran Mansurian, composer and Ambassador Yamada



Mr. Nazaryan opening the Grand Piano with the key



Conductor Mlkeyan and pianist Navasardyan on stage with YAMAHA instruments



The Chamber Orchestra performing "Carmen Suite" with YAMAHA percussions



**Audiences** 



Newly arrived YAMAHA timpani





Ambassador Yamada and representatives of YAMAHA