

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2020:
Signing Ceremony of
“The Project for Medical Support and First Aid Training for Demining Activities”**

On March 16, 2021, the Signing Ceremony of “The Project for Medical Support and First Aid Training for Demining Activities” up to USD 77,685, within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects was held at the Ministry of Defence of Armenia. The Grant Contract was signed by Mr. Jun Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Ms. Knarik Davtyan, Director of the “Foundation of Demining and Demolition” NGO. The Signing Ceremony took place in the presence of Mr. Suren Sahakyan, Deputy Defence Minister of Armenia and Mr. Ruben Arakelyan, Director of “Center of Humanitarian Demining and Expertise” SNCO.

The Project aims to procure an equipped ambulance car for appropriate medical assistance and provision of first-aid trainings during humanitarian demining processes in Tavush, Gegharqunik, Vayots Dzor and Syunik regions. As a result, more than 38,000 people will benefit from the Project. It is expected to achieve higher safety of humanitarian demining process and decreased probability of accidents, as well as to implement Mine Hazardous first aid actions in the selected local schools of aforementioned regions.

During the Ceremony, Ambassador Yamada mentioned that higher safety and decreased risk of accidents play a very crucial role in demining. Ambassador also added that he is particularly pleased to know that the following Project is in line with Armenian Government Priorities and Japanese Development Cooperation Policy for Armenia, as it primarily targets on First Aid Actions during humanitarian demining processes.

Deputy Minister Sahakyan, in turn, expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan for providing assistance for this important Project.

Ms. Davtyan in her speech mentioned that this Project will not only bring benefits to the inhabitants of Tavush, Gegharkunik, Vayots Dzor and Syunik regions which have been previously affected by the explosive contamination, but moreover the implementation of the Project will serve as a risk mitigation for people living in close proximity to the landmine areas.

Mr. Arakelyan also expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan, as well as the Embassy of Japan in Armenia for the continuous support and contribution in enhancing the capacity of organizations involved in humanitarian demining processes.



Speech by Mr. Sahakyan,
Deputy Defence Minister



Speech by Ambassador Yamada



Speech by Ms. Davtyan, Director of
"Foundation of Demining Demolition" NGO



Speech by Mr. Arakelyan, Director of
"Center of Humanitarian Demining and Expertise" SNCO



Participants



Ambassador Yamada and Ms. Davtyan
After Signing