

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2020:
Signing Ceremony of
“The Project for Establishing Community Center for Women and Youth in Noyemberyan”
and “The Project for Provision of Fitness Facilities to Margahovit Village School”**

On March 19, 2021, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contracts for “The Project for Establishing Community Center for Women and Youth in Noyemberyan” up to USD 70,955 and “The Project for Provision of Fitness Facilities to Margahovit Village School” up to USD 21,300 within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects was held at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia.

The Ceremony was attended by Mr. Jun Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Artur Martirosyan, Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia, Bishop Bagrat Galstanyan, Primate of the Tavush Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Ms. Emilia Martirosyan, President of Margahovit Youth Center NGO and others.

“The Project for Establishing Community Center for Women and Youth in Noyemberyan” aims to construct a new community social-educational center in Noyemberyan that will serve to the children and women of the town. When completed, more than 250 children, youth and women will be able to receive educational support, vocational training and social services. “The Project for Provision of Fitness Facilities to Margahovit Village School” aims to promote good health as well as educational development in Margahovit village. The grant will be provided to establish a playground and exercise area for more than 400 students and school staff as well as additional 3,000 people in the community.

During the Ceremony, warmly welcoming all the guests, Deputy Minister Martirosyan expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan and stated that these Projects are very important in terms of balanced territorial development and poverty reduction in the regions of Armenia. The Deputy Minister emphasized that through these Projects, the educational opportunities in rural and regional communities will be expanded, promoting quality social services as well as healthy life.

Ambassador Yamada, in turn, mentioned that these two important Projects share one common goal, that is to contribute to the improvement of people’s lives within the concept of "Human Security" which the Government of Japan strongly upholds.

Bishop Galstanyan in his speech mentioned that this is the second Project supported by the Government of Japan for the Tavush Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Through Japanese assistance, the first community center was opened in Ijevan and more than 400 children and adults are already participating in the programs implemented there. Bishop Galstanyan highlighted that the Center in Noyemberyan will also have the same success.

Ms. Martirosyan in her speech thanked Ambassador Yamada for the exceptional opportunity and reassured that all the efforts will be put into the smooth implementation of the Project.

After the speeches, Ambassador Yamada and Bishop Galstanyan signed the Grant Contract (G/C) for “The Project for Establishing Community Center for Women and Youth in Noyemberyan”, and then, Ambassador Yamada and Ms. Martirosyan signed the G/C for “The Project for Provision of Fitness Facilities to Margahovit Village School”.



Speech by Mr. Martirosyan, Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia



Speech by Ambassador Yamada



Ambassador Yamada and Bishop Galstanyan Signing the Grant Contract



Ambassador Yamada and Ms. Martirosyan signing the grant contract



Ceremony



Participants