

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2020:
Signing Ceremony of
“The Project for Provision of Fitness Facilities to Margahovit Village School”**

On August 11, 2021, the Completion Ceremony of “The Project for Provision of Fitness Facilities to Margahovit Village School” in the amount of USD 19,411 (JPY 2,343,000) within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of Japan was held at Margahovit village of Lori Province. The Ceremony was attended by Mr. Masanori Fukushima, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Samvel Ananyan, Mayor of Margahovit Village, Mr. Ashot Antinyan, Principal of Margahovit Secondary School, Ms. Emilia Martorosyan, President at “Margahovit Youth Center” NGO, others, including representatives from the partner organizations, the staff and students of the school.

The Project aimed to establish a playground and exercise area, thus promoting good health as well as educational development in Margahovit village. As a result more than 400 students and school staff, as well as additional 3,000 people in the community will benefit from the playground and exercise areas established within the framework of this Project.

At the beginning of the ceremony, warmly welcoming the guests, Ms. Martirosyan expressed her gratitude to the Government of Japan and Embassy of Japan in Armenia for their contribution and trust, as a result of which “Margahovit Youth Center” NGO has successfully accomplished the installation of the playground and exercise equipment in Margahovit Secondary School.

Ambassador Fukushima, in his turn, stressed that this assistance is one of the steps of Japan’s continuous efforts in establishment of proper educational and training facilities accessible to every student, since physical and mental health of students and teachers hugely depend on the quality of school infrastructure. This Project achieves an important goal, which is to contribute to the improvement of people’s lives within the concept of "Human Security" which the Government of Japan strongly upholds.

For their part, the Mayor of Margahovit Village, Mr. Samvel Ananyan congratulated all the parties involved in the Project and expressed his hope and willingness to continue implementing development projects in Margahovit village.

At the end of the Ceremony, the principal Mr. Antinyan delivered a gratitude speech thanking again the Government of Japan for its support on behalf of the school staff, all the students, and their parents.



The new playground and exercise areas



ODA plate installed in the playground showing Japan's support



Welcoming Speech by Ms. Emilia Martorosyan,



Congratulatory Address
by Ambassador Fukushima



Unveiling the ODA Plate



Commemorative photo with a children who danced the welcome dance