

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2018:  
Completion Ceremony of**

**“The Project for Establishing the IT Vocational Center in Ghukasavan Village”**

On September 16, 2021, the Completion Ceremony of “The Project for Establishing the IT Vocational Center in Ghukasavan Village” in the amount of USD 88,078 within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of Japan was held at Ghukasavan village. The Ceremony was attended by Mr. Masanori Fukushima, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Gevorg Simonyan, Deputy Governor of Ararat region, Mr. Ara Vardanyan, Head of Ghukasavan village, Mr. Samvel Movsisyan, Founder of the Leadership School Armenia, Ms. Ruzanna Aharonyan, Principal of Ghukasavan Secondary School, Ms. Ruzan Khachatryan, Responsible Representative of Ghukasavan village IT vocational center, others, including principals of secondary schools of the surrounding communities, and future students of the IT center.

The project aimed to provide vocational training to youth in Ghukasavan Village as well as its surrounding communities where over 3000 youth reside under high poverty and unemployment rate, by establishing the IT Vocational Center in the village. The Japanese Government assisted for constructing the building and fully equip the building with IT devices, particularly with PCs and projectors. The project is collaborated with “Leadership School Armenia” which has designed the concept and provided substantial education program to the center.

During the Ceremony, Ambassador Fukushima was greeted by traditional welcome ceremony by students with bread and salt. Mr. Vardanyan started with opening speech, welcoming the guests, introducing the Project, and expressing gratitude to the Japanese Government and the Embassy of Japan for assistance. Speeches were also delivered by Mr. Simonyan, who expressed hope that similar IT centers will also be established in other villages of the community.

Ambassador Fukushima delivered his speech in Armenian, outlining that Armenia is rich with human resources, and today’s students will have the opportunity to receive a qualified education and become brilliant specialists in IT sphere.

The speeches were followed by a performance on qanun musical instrument, after which Ms. Aharonyan and Ms. Khachatryan had speeches, mentioning that it is a historical day for their community and a huge opportunity for the future of youth and this project will contribute to the implementation and development of IT sphere in Ararat region.

Mr. Movsisyan delivered a gratitude speech, thanking all the parties involved in the implementation of the project, and introduced some details on the training program of the IT center.

After the speech, Mr. Movsisyan invited Ambassador Fukushima and Mr. Vardanyan to cut the red ribbon thus declaring the official opening. Ambassador Fukushima handed over the student cards to the students.



Traditional welcome ceremony with bread and salt



Opening speech by Mr. Movsisyan



Speech by Mr. Vardanyan



Congratulatory address by Ambassador Fukushima



Handing over student cards



Ribbon cutting



Classroom



ODA Plate