

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2020:
Completion Ceremony of
“Project for Provision of Garbage Containers and Collection Vehicle to Enhance
Capacity for Waste Management in Ijevan City”**

On September 23, 2021, the Completion Ceremony of “Project for Provision of Garbage Containers and Collection Vehicle to Enhance Capacity for Waste Management in Ijevan City” in the amount of USD 76,960 within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of Japan was held in Ijevan, Armenia. The Ceremony was attended by Mr. Fukushima Masanori, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Hayk Ghalumyan, Governor of Tavush region, Mr. Arthur Chagharyan, Acting Mayor of Ijevan city, Ms. Anna Yeghiazaryan, Secretary General of Armenian Red Cross Society NGO, others, including representatives from the partner organizations, the staff and volunteers.

The project aimed to enhance proper waste management system in Ijevan city through provision of 240 waste containers and a garbage collection truck. The newly installed containers and the purchased garbage collection truck will directly improve waste management practices for more than 19,000 inhabitants in the city of Ijevan. Within the Project, environmental protection events were organized to raise the environmental awareness among the residents and contribute to the solid waste management. As a result, it is also expected that the proper waste removal and disposal practices will improve the quality of water in Aghstev river, thus contributing to the environmental security for Armenia which is in line with Armenian Government’s priorities and Japanese Development Cooperation Policy to Armenia.

In the opening remarks, warmly welcoming the guests, Ms. Yeghiazaryan expressed her gratitude to the Government of Japan and Embassy of Japan in Armenia for their contribution and trust, and stated that this Project not only contributes to improvement of waste management in Ijevan, but also improves the environmental management system, which is one of the important components of disaster risk reduction, and consequently leads to sustainable development.

Ambassador Fukushima, in his turn, highlighted that Japan values the improvement of institutions and infrastructures for the economic growth and regional development; therefore, this assistance is one of the steps of the continuous efforts from for putting our world to a more sustainable development path on a Grassroots level.

Ambassador Fukushima also stressed that this assistance will become a strong bond and embodiment of friendship and mutual sympathy which traditionally form the very foundation of Japan - Armenia relations.

For their part, the Mayor of Ijevan city, Mr. Arthur Chagharyan thanked the Government of Japan and Armenian Red Cross Society NGO for providing support to respond to the immediate needs of the community.



Congratulatory Address
by Ambassador Fukushima



Congratulatory Address by Mr. Arthur Chagharyan,
Acting Mayor of Ijevan City



The Garbage Collection Truck and Waste
Containers provided through GGP



From left, Mr. Chagharyan, Ambassador
Fukushima, Ms. Yeghiazaryan and Mr.
Ghalumyan