

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2021:  
Signing Ceremony of  
“The Project for Renovation of №13 Kindergarten in Ejmiatsin Municipality”**

On December 1, 2021, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for “The Project for Renovation of №13 Kindergarten in Ejmiatsin Municipality” up to USD 90,181, within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects was held at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia. The Grant Contract was signed by Mr. FUKUSHIMA Masanori, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Ms. Anna Soghomonyan, Director of №13 Kindergarten of Ejmiatsin Municipality. The Ceremony was further attended by Mr. Arkadi Papoyan, Head of Department for Foreign Relations and Diaspora and Mr. Mher Mkrtchyan, Deputy Mayor of Ejmiatsin.

The Project aims to improve the learning environment for children at №13 Kindergarten of Ejmiatsin by renovating classrooms, sports hall, event hall, toilets, kitchen part and balconies of two buildings of the kindergarten. As a result, more than 110 children will benefit from the Project and 30 new children will be additionally accepted.

Warmly welcoming all the guests, Mr. Papoyan expressed his confidence that this project will provide opportunities not only to strengthen the relationship between Armenia and Japan but also to implement further projects for educational development. He also mentioned his gratitude to the Government of Japan for previous projects and his wish for continued cooperation.

Ambassador Fukushima, in turn, highlighted the importance of the educational environment for the learning process and mentioned that the ceremony is yet another manifestation of Japan’s continuous support and firm commitment towards improving the basic education facilities at every grassroots level.

Mr. Mkrtchyan in his speech expressed his appreciation to the Government of Japan and his hope that this project will be fruitful and be a base for further cooperation. Ms. Soghomonyan added her gratitude to the Government of Japan. She also emphasized the significance of the project which will be not only the improvement of the educational environment, also the expansion of the capacity for accepting 30 new pupils and employing 2 more staff.



Speech by Ambassador Fukushima



Speech by Ms. Soghomonyan



Signing of the Grant Contract



Group picture of the Ceremony