## Handover Ceremony for the Grant Aid "The Economic and Social Development Program" (Handing Over of 39 Toyota Ambulances to the Ministry of Health of the RA)

On November 22, 2022, the handover ceremony of the Grant Aid "The Economic and Social Development Program" was held in the courtyard of the National Center for Burns in Yerevan, in the framework of which latest generation 39 TOYOTA ambulances were handed over to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia.

The exchange of notes (E/N) of this project in the amount of 400 million Japanese Yen (approximately 3.7 million USD) was signed between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Armenia in June 2020, aiming at fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ceremony took place in the presence of Prime Minister of the RA H.E. Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, Minister of Health H.E. Ms. Anahit Avanesyan and Ambassador of Japan to Armenia H.E. Mr. FUKUSHIMA Masanori. From the Japanese side, Senior Director of Project Operations of Crown Agents Japan Ms. YONEMICHI Ritsuko, and from the Armenian side, Deputy Mayor of Yerevan Mr. Tigran Avinyan, Deputy Mayor of Yerevan Mr. Gevorg Simonyan, Member of Parliament and former Minister of Health Mr. Arsen Torosyan, General Manager of "TOYOTA Yerevan" Mr. Vahe Gzraryan, other high-ranking government officials and representatives of involved parties also took part in the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Minister Avanesyan made a speech, welcomed the guests and expressed her gratitude to the Government and the people of Japan, after which Ambassador Fukushima delivered a speech to congratulate the success of the project. The ceremony was followed by a tour during which Minister Avanesyan introduced equipping of the ambulances to the high-ranking officials including Prime Minister Pashinyan. The ceremony was completed by Ambassador Fukushima handing over the ambulance key to Minister Avanesyan.



Speech by Ambassador Fukushima



Prime Minister Pashinyan and Ambassador Fukushima shaking hands



Speech by Deputy Mayor Avinyan



Toyota ambulances



Speech by Minister Avanesyan



Ambassador Fukushima handing over the key to Minister Avanesyan



Participants of the Ceremony



Inside of the ambulances