

Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects FY 2022

Signing Ceremony of the Project for Installation of Conservation Equipment in the Conservation Center of the Museums of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin

On March 17, 2023, the Signing Ceremony of the Project for Installation of Conservation Equipment in the Conservation Center of the Museums of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin within the framework of Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects was held at the Ruben Sevak Museum of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

The Ceremony took place in the presence of Ambassador FUKUSHIMA Masanori, His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan, Very Reverend Father Asoghik Karapetyan, General Director of the AGBU Fund (Armenia), Mr. Vasken Yacoubian.

The Japanese Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Project up to the amount of USD 90,767 aims to contribute to the conservation and restoration of the cultural heritage preserved at the Museums of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. The Project will specifically target at installation of necessary equipment for the conservation unit of the Museums. After the conservation and restoration of the cultural heritage, which are currently stored, more art works will become accessible to the public and can be displayed. This Project will also contribute to training up the experts as well as promoting educational experience in culture and tradition, and will increase the number of visitors attending the Museums during their visit to the Cathedral, which is registered as UNESCO World Heritage site.

During the ceremony, Very Reverend Father Asoghik Karapetyan welcomed the guests, expressing his gratitude to the Government and the Embassy of Japan, after which Ambassador Fukushima and Mr. Yacoubian delivered speeches, wishing successful implementation of the Project. His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan made a beautiful speech, highlighting the love and respect that Armenian and Japanese nations have towards culture, and symbols that unite both nations: Mount Ararat and Mount Fuji, Apricot tree and Sakura tree.

After the speeches, Ambassador Fukushima and Mr. Yacoubian signed the Grant Contract as Parties, and Father Asoghik Karapetyan signed the Grant Contract as the Witness.



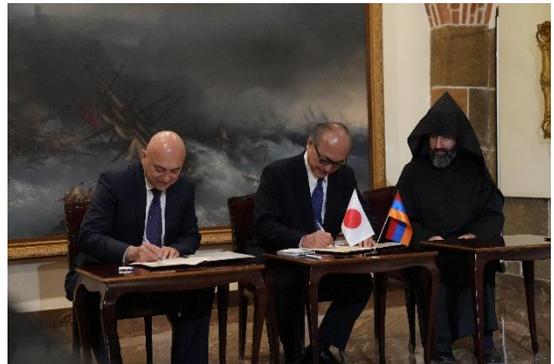
Speech by Ambassador Fukushima



Speech by Mr. Yacoubian



Speech by His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan



Ambassador Fukushima and Mr. Yacoubian signing the grant contract



Ambassador Fukushima, Mr. Yacoubian, His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan and Father Asoghik Karapetyan



Ambassador Fukushima giving an interview



Participants of the Ceremony praying



His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan and Ambassador Fukushima