

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023:  
Signing Ceremony for  
“The Project for Establishing the IT Center in Marmashen Village”**

On January 12, 2024, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract (up to 71,225 USD) for “The Project for Establishing the IT Center in Marmashen Village” within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) FY 2023, was held at Gyumri Information Technologies Center in Shirak region.

The Grant Contract was signed between Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Ms. Amalya Yeghoyan, Executive Director of “Gyumri Information Technologies Center” Scientific Educational Foundation. The Ceremony was also attended by Mr. Narek Mkrtychyan, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Mr. Davit Sahakyan, the Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry, Mr. Mushegh Muradyan, Governor of Shirak, Mr. Zaven Manukyan, Mayor of Akhuryan community as well as local government representatives and directors of schools in the community.

This project aims to ensure access to information education for children who are learning in schools in Akhuryan City by constructing an information technology center in Marmashen Village in the city. Furthermore, provision of IT vocational training for socially vulnerable populations, such as displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh, women, and youth would create employment opportunities and further promote their economic independence. As a result, approximately 3,800 students as well as 100 vulnerable people will annually have access to information education and vocational training, respectively.



Welcome performance by Armenian traditional stringed instrument *Kanon*



Signing of the Grant Contract between Ambassador Aoki and Ms. Yeghoyan



(From the left) Ambassador Aoki, Minister Mkrtychyan, Deputy Minister Sahakyan



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