

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023:
Signing Ceremony for
“The Project for Building Resilience to Wildfires in Tsaghkadzor”**

On March 13, 2024, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract (up to 72,915 USD) for “The Project for Building Resilience to Wildfires in Tsaghkadzor” within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) FY 2023, was held at Meghradzor town hall in Kotayk region.

The Grant Contract was signed between Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Ms. Anna Baghdasaryan, the President of Economic Journalists Club. The Ceremony was also attended by Mr. Aharon Sahakyan, the Governor of Kotayk region, Mr. Kamo Tsutsulyan, the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and Head of Rescue Service, Mr. Narek Harutyunyan, the Head of Tsaghkadzor Community as well as local government representatives and stakeholders of the project.

This project aims to enable the community prepare for a rapid initial response in the event of a wildfire and minimize disaster damage by constructing the base for volunteer firefighters. As a result of the project, the arrival time of firefighters will be reduced from a maximum of one hour to approximately 15 minutes, protecting the lives and livelihoods of a total of 9,000 people in the community, including the displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh.



The ceremony started with traditional Armenian dances



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



(from left) Ambassador Aoki, Governor Sahakyan, Deputy Minister Tsutsulyan, Head of the Community Harutyunyan, President Baghdasaryan



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