



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2024: Signing Ceremony for the Project for the Establishment of Hospitality and Service Vocational Center in Vanadzor

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On October 1st, 2024, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract (up to USD 102,957) for the Project for the Establishment of Hospitality and Service Vocational Center in Vanadzor within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) FY 2024, was held in Vanadzor of Lori Province.

The Grant Contract was signed between Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Ms. Arpine Hakobyan, the Director of “NGO Center” Civil Society Development NGO. The ceremony was also attended by Mr. Hovhanes Avetisyan, the Deputy Governor of Lori Province as well as local government representatives and stakeholders of the project.

This project aims to establish a vocational training center for hospitality and service industries in Vanadzor, Lori Province, by constructing a three-story building with a total area of 528 square meters. As a result of the project, approximately 100 people per year, including local residents and displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh, will receive vocational training in fields such as cooking, hospitality, and other service-related skills. This will help address the shortage of skilled workers in the tourism sector, promote employment opportunities, and contribute to sustainable economic growth in the region.



Ambassador Aoki and Director Hakobyan sign the Grant Contract



Ambassador Aoki and Director Hakobyan after signing



Commemorative photo with NGO Center staffs



Image of planned completion of the facility