



## Press Release

# **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2024: Signing Ceremony for the Project for the Strengthening of Ultrasound Diagnostics Capacity for Yerevan**

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On October 8, 2024, the Signing Ceremony for the Grant Contract of the Grassroots Human Security Project "Project for Strengthening Ultrasound Diagnostics Capacity for Yerevan" (grant limit: 72,830 USD) was held at the Armenian Republican Institute of Reproductive Health, Perinatology, Obstetrics, and Gynecology. At the ceremony, Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, and Dr. Razmik Abrahamyan, Director of the institute, signed the grant contract in the presence of medical staff from the institute.

This project aims to enhance the ultrasound diagnostic capabilities of the institute by providing one new ultrasound examination device. As a result of this project, approximately 10,950 pregnant women annually (including about 1,500 displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh) will have access to improved ultrasound examinations. This is expected to contribute to improving maternal and child health for both local residents and displaced persons by enabling better detection of abnormalities, determination of appropriate treatment plans, and selection of optimal delivery methods.

This is the second time the institute has received support, following the FY 2018 "Project for Provision of Medical Equipment for Pregnant Women with Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Yerevan City." Additionally, the institute received medical equipment assistance through JICA's "Reproductive Health Project" in FY 2006, and the incubators provided at that time are still being used for low birth weight infant care.

Dr. Abrahamyan, the Director of the institute, expressed his gratitude, stating, "Japan has been a good partner in supporting the improvement of maternal and child health in Armenia for many years. We are very pleased to receive this new support once again."



Grant contract signing



Ambassador Aoki receiving explanation about medical equipment provided through Japan's ODA



Director Abrahamyan expressing gratitude to Ambassador Aoki



Medical professionals attending the signing ceremony