





## **Press Release**

## **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023:**

## Completion Ceremony for the Project for Establishment of Irrigation Network in Malishka and Getap Villages

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On October 16, 2024, the Completion Ceremony for the Project for Establishment of Irrigation Network in Malishka and Getap Villages within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) FY 2024, was held in Malishka Village of Vayots Dzor Province.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Miqaelyan, Governor of Vayots Dzor Province, Mr. Harutyunyan, Mayor of Yeghegnadzor, Mr. Babayan, Deputy Mayor of Yeghegnadzor, and Mr. Nazaryan, Head of Malishka Village, along with project stakeholders and local residents.

This project aims to renovate approximately 898 meters of existing agricultural water canals (about 698m in Malishka and 200m in Getap) in Malishka and Getap Villages of Vayots Dzor Province.

As a result of this project, water will be distributed throughout the agricultural land in both villages, making approximately 130 hectares of new farmland irrigable. Additionally, the available irrigation water volume (per minute) in each village will increase from an average of about 720 liters (Malishka) and 2,400 liters (Getap) to about 2,400 liters and 4,500 liters respectively, improving agricultural productivity.

Moreover, by minimizing water leakage, promoting efficient use of water resources, preventing residential flooding from irrigation water, and mitigating health issues caused by inadequate irrigation infrastructure, the working and living conditions of a total of 7,085 people (4,778 in Malishka and 2,307 in Getap) living in both villages will be improved.

Governor Miqaelyan expressed his gratitude, stating, "We sincerely thank the Japanese Government for their generous support. This project will greatly contribute to the agricultural development of our region, especially in improving grape production efficiency, and enhancing the lives of our residents. We hope that the friendly relations between Japan and Armenia will continue to deepen in the future."









Ambassador Aoki congratulating to project stakeholders



Installation of ODA plate



Commemorative group photo of stakeholders



Mr. Harutyunyan, Mayor of Yeghegnadzor expressing his gratitude to Ambassador Aoki