





## **Press Release**

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

## Completion Ceremony for the Project for Renovating Child Protection Center in Yerevan

Yerevan: December 5th, 2024

On December 5th, 2024, the Completion Ceremony for the Project for Renovating Child Protection Center in Yerevan within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) FY 2023, was held at Child Protection Center in Yerevan.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Bagrat Sargsyan, the Country Director of Fund for Armenian Relief, Ms. Mira Antonyan, the Executive Director of Child Protection Foundation, Mr. Artur Kesoyan, the Deputy Head of Equal Rights Department of Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, along with other project stakeholders and local residents.

This project improved the living environment of the center by partially renovating the center, thereby further contributing to the improvement of social services, security, privacy and overall learning environment of the center. As a result, a total of 620 children and their parents, including displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh will annually benefit from the project.

Ms. Antonyan expressed her gratitude, stating, "We are deeply grateful to the Japanese Government for their support. I am certain that this project will improve the lives of vulnerable children in our community. The renovation of our Child Protection Center will enhance our ability to serve both local families and displaces persons from Nagorno-Karabakh. We look forward to continuing cooperation between Japan and Armenia in near future."



Cutting of a tape



Ambassador Aoki giving a speech



Photos with the children of the center



Group photo with the stakeholders
For reasons, pixelations are applied to the children's faces.