



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023: Completion Ceremony for the Project for Establishing the IT Center in Marmashen Village

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On May 29th, 2025, the Grant Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "The Project for Establishing the IT Center in Marmashen Village" (grant up to: USD 71,225) was held at the newly established Information Technology Center. The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Ms. Amalya Yeghoyan, Exexutive Director of the "Gyumri Information Technology Center" Science Education Foundation, Mr. Tigran Tigranyan, Mayor of Marmashen, Mr. Saro Hovhannisyan, Mayor of Vahramaberd, along with government officials and displaced students from Nagorno-Karabakh.

This project aims to establish an Information Technology Center in Marmashen Village, Akhuryan Community, Shirak Province, enabling 3,779 students from 37 schools within the community to receive information education in accordance with the government-mandated curriculum. The village is located in a mountainous area approximately 120 km from the capital, where the IT educational environment remains underdeveloped compared to urban areas, making it impossible to conduct information education classes that the government has made compulsory. Consequently, students in rural areas have predominantly engaged in agricultural work, which offers relatively lower income levels. Through this project, students will be able to acquire essential knowledge for employment in the IT industry, including web design and programming, free of charge. The information education provided at this center is expected not only to eliminate educational disparities with urban areas but also to expand employment opportunities.

Ms. Amalya Yeghoyan, Exexutive Director of the "Gyumri Information Technology Center" Science Education Foundation, expressed her gratitude, saying, "Thanks to the Information Technology Center built with Japanese support, children can now receive IT education using new equipment, which expands their future options. Children who are refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh face particularly challenging circumstances, but by acquiring IT knowledge, they can now hold hope for their future. We are deeply grateful to Japan for providing the support we needed most."



Ambassador Aoki giving congratulatory speech



Newly Established IT Center



Commemorative photo with beneficiaries



IT center with new equipment