



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2022: Completion Ceremony for the Project for Renovation of No.5 Kindergarten of Armavir Municipality

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On October 20th, the Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "The Project for Renovation of No.5 Kindergarten of Armavir Municipality" (grant up to: USD 147,210) was held in Armavir Community, Armavir Marz. The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Varsham Sargsyan, Mayor of Armavir Community, Ms. Naira Arakelyan, President of Armavir Development Center, along with kindergarten staff and community officials. The ceremony was conducted in a warm atmosphere, with local children delivering welcome speeches and songs in Japanese.

This project aims to renovate the roof, floors, windows, doors, and sewage system, as well as install new heating equipment at No.5 Kindergarten. Through these improvements, children will be able to learn in a safe and hygienic environment, which will improve education and quality of social life in the community. The kindergarten building, constructed in 1973, had deteriorated severely over the years. Floors and doors were peeling off, and the ceiling leaked during rainy weather. Moreover, the malfunctioning heating system caused indoor temperatures to drop close to below zero during the harsh winter months from January to March, forcing the kindergarten to close during this period. As a result, 48 children had to stay at home while their parents were unable to work, which created an economic burden on families. Furthermore, with nearby kindergartens at maximum capacity and 72 children on the waiting list, urgent renovation of the facility was demanded.

Ms. Arakelyan, President of Armavir Development Center, stated at the ceremony, "Although the project was delayed due to unexpected seismic reinforcement work, we now anticipate being able to accommodate more children than originally planned next year. Thanks to the support of the Government of Japan, the number of children on the waiting list will be reduced, and children will be able to learn in the new facility. We are deeply grateful for this assistance." Ambassador AOKI Yutaka also delivered congratulatory messages, stating, "I am pleased that through the renovation of No.5 Kindergarten, children will be able to learn and grow in a safe and comfortable environment throughout the year. I hope that this project will bring benefits to the children and their



parents, and by accepting children from the waiting list, it will contribute to the improvement of the educational environment in Armavir and the development of the entire local community."



Welcome performance with Japanese songs by children



Ambassador Aoki inspecting the site with Mayor Sargsyan of Armavir (right)



Ambassador Aoki delivering congratulatory messages



Restroom renovated through this project