



Press Release

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

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On February 10th, the Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "the Project for the Strengthening of Ultrasound Diagnostics Capacity for Yerevan" (grant up to: USD 72,830) was held at the Armenian Republican Institute of Reproductive Health, Perinatology, Obstetrics, and Gynecology. The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, and Dr. Razmik Abrahamyan, Director of the institute, along with 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, Director of the institute, expressed his gratitude, stating, "It has been exactly 20 years since Japan first provided support to our institute. We are deeply grateful to once again receive support from Japan for perinatal medical care in Armenia. The medical equipment provided this time will be utilized with great care with our hearts full of appreciation for the people of Japan." Ambassador Aoki also delivered congratulatory speech, saying, "Through this project, I hope that the day will come when expectant mothers can give birth using the most appropriate delivery methods, the birth rate of Yerevan increases and the voices of healthy children resonate even more throughout Yerevan."



Ambassador Aoki delivering a congratulatory speech



Dr. Abrahamyan delivering a gratitude speech



Commemorative photo with medical staff



Ultrasound examination device provided through this project