



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2024: Completion Ceremony for the Project for the Rehabilitation and Enhancement of Water Supply Infrastructure in Tashir Community

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On March 11th, the Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project " the Project for the Rehabilitation and Enhancement of Water Supply Infrastructure in Tashir Community" (grant up to: USD 72,844) was held at the Tashir Community Hall (Lori Marz). The ceremony was attended by Mr. Yutaka Aoki, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Edgar Arshakyan, Mayor of Tashir Community, Mr. Norayr Baghdasaryan, Deputy Mayor of Tashir Community, as well as local government officials and residents.

The project rehabilitated and strengthened an existing water supply infrastructure (15 km) to secure a stable supply of drinking water to 11 villages of Tashir Community, thereby improving the living conditions of approximately 12,300 residents, including around 700 displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh. In the community, the water pipes in the upper reaches of Hovdara River (the water source), had been severely damaged, and this resulted in limited water supply to downstream villages and frequent water outages lasting several days. Also, many residents lacked their own water storage facilities such as cisterns and had no choice but to rely on commercially purchased water; therefore, reducing this economic burden had become an urgent matter.

Mayor Arshakyan expressed his gratitude, saying: "Thanks to the rehabilitation of the water supply infrastructure, residents of villages that have long suffered from water shortages are now able to access stable drinking water. Tashir Community will ensure proper maintenance to protect the foundation of residents' daily lives and pass on Japan's support to the next generation." Ambassador Aoki also delivered a speech, saying: "We are very pleased that the rehabilitation of the water supply infrastructure will bring clean drinking water to many residents and alleviate the financial burden of having to purchase water individually. We hope this project will serve as a further step in deepening the friendly relations between Japan and Armenia."



Ambassador Aoki delivering congratulatory speech



Mayor Arshakyan expressing words of gratitude



Commemorative photo with project stakeholders



Ambassador Aoki welcomed with his portrait and cherry blossom decorations