



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2024: Completion Ceremony for the Project for the Installation of Landslide Prevention Nets on Dilijan Rural Road

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On March 11th, the Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "the Project for the Installation of Landslide Prevention Nets on Dilijan Rural Road" (grant up to: USD 68,943) was held at the project site in Dilijan. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Yutaka Aoki, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Alexei Chichov, Mayor of Fioletovo Village, Mr. Emin Yeritsyan, President of the Union of Communities Armenia, as well as local government officials.

The project installed reinforced geogrids and high joule nets (100m wide, 200m long) at dangerous sections of Dilijan Rural Road (M8) where landslides frequently occur to protect 26,000 road users per year, including 1,000 displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh, from the dangers of landslides and falling rocks. Before the project, the road was closed at least five times a year due to its steep slopes and weak rock formations. Over the past three years, 47 disaster-related accidents were recorded on this road, including 10 deaths and 30 serious injuries. Also, these repeated road closures negatively affected tourism, which is the main industry of the city; therefore, reducing disaster risks and improving the local economy had become an urgent matter.

Mr. Yeritsyan, President of the Union of Communities Armenia, expressed his gratitude, saying: "This road has seen many serious accidents caused by landslides over the years. Thanks to the support of the Japanese Government, residents and drivers can now use this road safely, and I am truly pleased and grateful on behalf of our community." Ambassador Aoki also delivered a speech, saying: "Keeping people safe from natural disasters such as landslides and falling rocks is essential for building a strong and lasting community. We are very proud that we contributed to reduce the risk of disasters in Dilijan and to make it possible for people to live more safely through this project."



Photo taken in front of the installed high joule nets

(From right: Mr. Yeritsyan, President of the Union of Communities Armenia; Mr. Chichov, Mayor of Fioletovo Village; Ambassador Aoki; and Fioletovo Municipality senior specialist Mr. Karen Sardaryan)



Ambassador Aoki delivering his congratulatory speech



Mr. Yeritsyan expressing his gratitude



The reinforced geogrids installed along the road