



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2025: Signing Ceremony for the Project for the Provision of Educational Equipment in Armavir Community

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On March 12th, the Signing Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project " the Project for the Provision of Educational Equipment in Armavir Community" (grant up to: USD 93,567) was held at the Vagharshapat City Hall (Armavir Marz). The ceremony was attended by Ms. Yoko Anazawa, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan in Armenia, Mr. Lyudvig Yayloyan, Deputy Head of Vagharshapat Community, Ms. Sonya Budaghyan, Head of the Education, Sports and Culture Department of Armavir Marz, and Ms. Ani Karapetyan, President of Leading Change NGO, as well as school representatives.

The project aims to improve the learning environment for 2,409 students, including 286 displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh, and 358 teaching staff by providing educational equipment (1,135 chairs, 500 desks, 80 bookshelves, and 135 blackboards) to 10 secondary schools in Armavir Community. At the schools, educational equipment had not been updated for more than 20 years, and daily accidents, including injuries caused by broken chair legs and damaged welds as well as accidents in which desks fell onto students, had occurred frequently. Also, the influx of displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh had increased the burden on the schools, making the shortage of equipment even more acute; therefore, securing a safe learning environment had become an urgent matter.

President Karapetyan expressed her gratitude, saying: "With the support of the Japanese Government, we are able to provide children in Armavir Community with a safe learning environment. We will take responsibility for properly maintaining and managing the provided equipment so that the educational environment for children in the community will be protected for many years to come." Counsellor Anazawa also delivered a speech, saying: "To the students who will use these new desks and chairs, please study hard at school, and use the knowledge you gain there to help those who have not yet had the opportunity to learn. It is only through doing so that the true fruits of this project will be realized. We hope that the children of Armavir Community will devote themselves to their studies, and that this community will continue to grow and prosper."



Signing of the Grant Contract



Counsellor Anazawa delivering a congratulatory speech



Deputy Head of Vagharsapat Community,
Yayloyan delivering a speech of gratitude



Group photo of attendees
(from right: Counsellor Anazawa, Deputy Head Yayloyan,
Head of Education, Sports and Culture Department
Budaghyan, and President Karapetyan)