



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023: Completion Ceremony for the Project for Renovation of Outpatient Clinics in Aparan Municipality, Aragatsotn Region

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On March 13th, the Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "the Project for Renovation of Outpatient Clinics in Aparan Municipality, Aragatsotn Region" (grant up to: USD 87,182) was held at Aragats Health Center (the project site). The ceremony was attended by Mr. Yutaka Aoki, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Hrayr Mkrтчan, Deputy Head of Aparan Municipality, Dr. Gegham Grigoryan, Director of Aragats Health Center, as well as medical staff and residents of the region.

The project renovated three outpatient clinics in the region (Aragats Health Center, Kuchak Health Center, and Shenavan Health Center) and installed heating, water supply and sewerage, and solar power generation systems, and it enabled 13,000 residents to receive adequate medical services in a hygienic environment annually. All of the targeted clinics had been deteriorating for over 50 years, and had been forced to suspend operations on rainy days due to roof leaks and drafts. Also, inadequate heating systems caused indoor temperatures to drop to as low as negative 20°C during winter, placing a serious physical burden on both patients and medical staff. Moreover, as clinics lacked water supply and sewerage systems, it was impossible for doctors to wash their hands and medical instruments with clean water, hence making it difficult to maintain a hygienic clinical environment; therefore, renovation had been needed urgently.

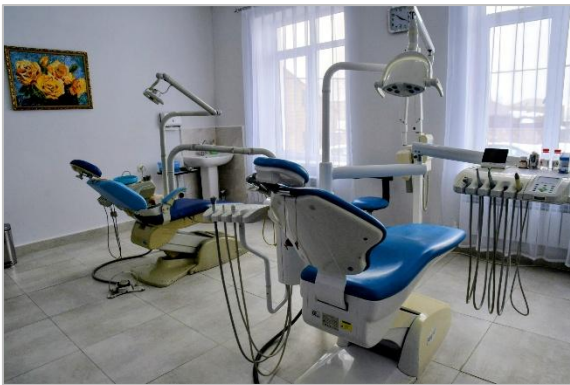
Deputy Head Mkrтчan expressed his gratitude, saying: "Japan has been providing support to Armenia's healthcare sector for many years, and we are deeply grateful for the assistance extended to improve the healthcare service environment in the region. With appreciation to the people of Japan, we will continue to support the provision of high-quality medical services as a municipality." Ambassador Aoki also delivered a speech, saying: "The development of healthcare infrastructure is the foundation that highlights human security and social well-being. We hope that the renovated clinics will contribute to the health of local residents for many years to come, and become a symbol of partnership and cooperation between Japan and Armenia."



Group photo of attendees



Ambassador Aoki touring the renovated clinic



Inside of the renovated clinic



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