

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Handing Over Ceremony for
The Project for Construction of Classroom Building for
Harmony Preschool

On February 25th, a new classroom building and a perimeter fencing was donated through the Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects of the Government of Japan. It was officially handed over to Harmony Preschool in Bermudian Landing, Belize. In February 2019, Government of Japan and Harmony Preschool signed the Grant Contract in the amount of US\$ 108,353 and the grant funding was made available to the school.

At the Handing Over Ceremony in Harmony Preschool, Mr. Hiroyuki Kubota, Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan in Belize expressed his pleasure to hand over the new classroom building and new perimeter fencing to the said School. He stated that the Government of Japan supports these self-help efforts and believes that providing education infrastructure is the most valuable investment for Belize's next generation. He also said that he hoped that it would contribute to improving the environment of early childhood education for children in Bermudian Landing Village and that it would be used effectively by people in the area.

Since its inception in 2001, Harmony Preschool has never had its own building, and had been temporally housed in the Bermudian Landing Village's community center. However, the community center is not suitable for early child hood education in the light of the security and sanitation issues.

In order to solve the situation, Harmony Preschool built a new building, which has necessary functions for preschool, such as kitchen, bathroom for wheelchair and so on and a perimeter fencing. All these infrastructure was made possible from the funds donated by the Government of Japan.

Mr. Marvin Kellyman, General Manager of Harmony Preschool expressed his pleasure for the newly built classroom building and a perimeter fencing. He also expressed his sincere appreciation to the People and the Government of Japan for providing well-needed support through Grass-Roots Human Security Projects in Belize. He stated that the best way to show gratitude is to use this gift with pride and care. He promised that they will properly maintain the building in good

condition and use it for a long time.



Ambassador Kubota gave his remarks.



Mr. Marvin Kellyman, General Manager of Harmony Preschool expressed his appreciation for The People and The Government of Japan.



Unveiling the new classroom building with ribbon cutting



A section of the audience from Belize River Valley area in attendance at the ceremony



Donated new classroom building



Donated perimeter fencing