

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project  
Handing Over Ceremony for the Project  
for Construction of Classroom Building for Bishop Martin High School**

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, a new building donated through the Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects was officially handed over to Bishop Martin High School in Orange Walk Town, Belize. In 2017, Government of Japan and Bishop Martin High School signed the Grant Contract and USD 103,624 was granted to the school.

At the Handing Over Ceremony at the school, Mr. Hiruyoyuki Kubota, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of Japan in Belize congratulated the Bishop Martin High School on its opening of the new building which will enable the students have enhanced learning environment with highlighting the importance of the investment to the education that results in building the future of Belize. At the ceremony, Bishop Martin High School handed over the plaque to Mr. Kubota for appreciation the Government of Japan's contribution to the school.

Bishop Martin High School has had an over-crowding situation because the population of Orange Walk Town has been increased and the school's own curriculum has attracted students.

In order to solve the situation, Bishop Martin High School constructed a new class room building which are planned to be music room, library and a classroom through the funds donated by the Government of Japan. The students will benefit from improved learning environment.

Mr. Luis Pook, Principal of Bishop Martin High School expressed appreciation for the people and the Government of Japan and also for the persons who had supported the school to have new building, such as Ms. Miyuki Ono, a former JICA volunteer having taught music there who let him know about this projects, school's committee project coordinators, and so on.

Mr. Jaime Briceno, a former Chairman of the board of the school and one of its founder, welcomed warmly Japan as Bishop Martin High School's family.



Mr. Kubota, Charge d’Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of Japan in Belize made remarks.



Mr. Luis Pook expressed his appreciation for the people and the Government of Japan.



Mr. Pook handed over the plaque to Mr. Kubota.



Mr. Kubota, Mr. Pook and Mr. Jaime Briceno, a former Chairman of the board of Bishop Martin High School revealed the plaque.



(From left) Mr. Kubota, Mr. Pook and Mr. Briceno



Donated Classroom Building



The students practicing the instrumentals at the newly obtained music room.



The students played national anthems of Belize and Japan.