

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project
“The Provision for Equipment of Rice Quality Enhancement”
(Commissioning Ceremony)**

Date: 9th November 2016

Venue: Lafia Local Government Area, Nasarawa State

Project Content: Until now, members of Lafia Rice Millers and Dealers Association had challenge in removing all stones from milled rice, which diminished value of their rice in the market. To address this issue, JICA implemented a project (RIPMAPP, 2011-2015). In order to build on this success, the Embassy of Japan has provided US\$96,082 to provide 27 destoners, 27 generators and extension cords, through Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme.

Mr. Masaya Otsuka, Deputy Head of Mission of Japan to Nigeria, Hon. Yusuf Lawee, Commissioner of Nasarawa State Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Mr. Hiroshi Kodama, Senior Representative of JICA, other government officials and representatives from the community, participated in the commissioning ceremony. The handover of the new equipment has given hope to Lafia LGA.



Mr. Masaya Otsuka, Deputy Head of Mission of Japan to Nigeria, with other representatives at the ceremony



Short play by the community, showing their suffering from removing all stones from milled rice before the project



Test-run of granted destoner



Mr. Otsuka commissioning the project



Hon. Commissioner, Mr. Lawree, Mr. Kodama, Senior Representative of JICA and Mr. Otsuka, holding rice package received Japanese technical assistance



Mr. Otsuka interviewed by the press