

Japan Celebrates the New Emperor, Commemorate Japan's 20 years of Grass-Roots Assistance

2nd May 2019

On Thursday 2nd May 2019, Ambassador Kikuta held a reception at his residence to celebrate the Accession to the Throne by His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince, and to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP) in Nigeria.

H.E. Senator Udoma Udo Udoma, the Honorable Minister of Budget and National Planning, Dr. Evelyn Ngige, Director of Public Health, representing H.E. Prof. Isaac Adewole, the Honorable Minister of Health, Amb. Mustapha Lawal Sulaiman, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Abdullahi Gwari, Senior Special Assistant to the President on Foreign Affairs, Director of Protocol, Office of the Vice President were present at the ceremony.

At the reception, Awards of Recognition were presented to three partner NGOs in GGP for their outstanding commitment to the development of local communities in the areas of health and education. Details of the NGOs are captured below;

Award Recipient I	Mankind Development & Rehabilitation Organization
Summary of Project	Mankind Development and Rehabilitation Organization has contributed to improving health care service delivery in Saburi Residential District in Abuja Municipal Area Council through a project for the construction of Saburi Health Care Centre , a project which currently benefits about 12,000 residents of Saburi Residential District.
Award Recipient II	Centre for Development and Partnership (CEDEP)
Summary of Project	CEDEP's project for the construction of a local education authority primary school in Kontagora Estate, Gwagwalada Area Council in the FCT , with toilet facilities and safe drinking water, benefits 2,851 pupils each academic session. It has helped in reducing congestion and preventing health hazards associated with overcrowded and unsanitary learning environments.
Award Recipient III	Citizens' Health Education and Development Initiative (CHEDI)
Summary of Project	CHEDI's Project for the Construction of Shere Koko Primary Health Centre in Bwari Area Council in the FCT contributes in providing a functional primary health care facility that has significantly improved access to maternal health while reducing child mortality in Shere Koko community of Bwari Area Council. It currently benefits about 150,000 people, mostly pregnant women and children under 5 years.



H.E. Senator Udoma, Hon. Minister of Budget and National Planning signing the congratulatory book



Actress Rachel Bakam was the MC of the ceremony



Being in the Development Cooperation music video, two artists, Syemca and Manya, performed a song before the ceremony



The Minister sending a congratulatory message to the new Emperor on behalf of the Nigerian Government



Awards of recognition presented to three partner NGOs



AIT interviewing the Minister and Ambassador