

## Japan Granted US\$ 88,557 for Mechanized Rice Farming Equipment in Nasarawa State

The Embassy of Japan announces that “The Project for Provision of Rice Reapers and Rice Threshers in Awe, Obi and Keana Local Government Areas in Nasarawa State” has been completed with 20 rice reapers and 20 rice threshers handed over to 155 farmers of Azara Community, Awe Local Government Area, at a handover ceremony in the presence of the Japanese Ambassador to Nigeria, H.E. Yutaka Kikuta and the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, H.E. Engineer Abdullahi Sule. The ceremony was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The project, initiated by the Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme (NADP) was implemented in collaboration with OLAM Nigeria Limited which is invested by the Japanese company, Mitsubishi Corporation, and provided technical and financial assistance to the farmers.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this assistance will contribute to the improvement in rice quality, reduce losses arising from traditional threshing methods and increase rice output in the benefitting communities while strengthening the amicable relationship between Japan and Nigeria.

<b>Project Title</b>	The Project for Provision of Rice Reapers and Rice Threshers in Awe, Obi and Keana Local Government Areas in Nasarawa State
<b>Amount to Be Granted</b>	US\$88,557
<b>Implementing Partner</b>	Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme (NADP)
<b>Summary of the Project</b>	Provision of 20 Rice Reapers and 20 Rice Threshers



Plaque commissioned by the Ambassador Yutaka Kikuta



Reapers and Rice Threshers