

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)  
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Japan signed grant contracts of US\$298,095 for projects to provide Nasarawa and Kwara states with rice farming equipment made by Japanese companies**


On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Mr. KIKUTA Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, signed grant contracts of US\$298,095 with the Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme (NADP) and Tabitha Cumi Foundation for projects to provide Nasarawa and Kwara states, respectively, with rice farming equipment made by Japanese companies, under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). Since 1998, over 170 projects with a total amount of US\$12 million have been implemented throughout Nigeria under the GGP scheme.

The projects, initiated by NADP and Tabitha Cumi Foundation, will be implemented in collaboration with Toyota Tsusho Corporation, and with OLAM Nigeria Limited which is invested by the Japanese company, Mitsubishi Corporation. Toyota Tsusho Corporation will provide agricultural equipments made by Japanese companies (Yanmar Co., Ltd., and Mitsubishi Mahindra Agricultural Machinery Co., Ltd.), and OLAM Nigeria Limited will provide technical and financial assistance to the farmers.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Emmanuel Alanana, Programme Manager Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme (NADP) signed the contract on behalf of NADP while Professor Otaki Alanana, the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture, Nasarawa state, and Mr. Naphtali Dachor, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, witnessed the signing for the Nasarawa project. By the same token, Mrs. Tayo Erinle, Founder/Executive Director Tabitha Cumi Foundation signed for the Kawara project. Mr. Hisao Yamamoto, General Manager, CFAO Nigeria, a Toyota Tsusho group company, and Mr. Reji George, Vice President, OLAM Nigeria were also in attendance at the ceremony.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this public-private partnership assistance will contribute to increasing rice production in Nasarawa and Kwara states, and to strengthening the amicable relationship between Japan and Nigeria.

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| <b>Project title and implementing partner</b> | • The Project for Provision of Power Tillers and Combined Harvesters in Doma Local Government Area in Nasarawa State, Nasarawa |
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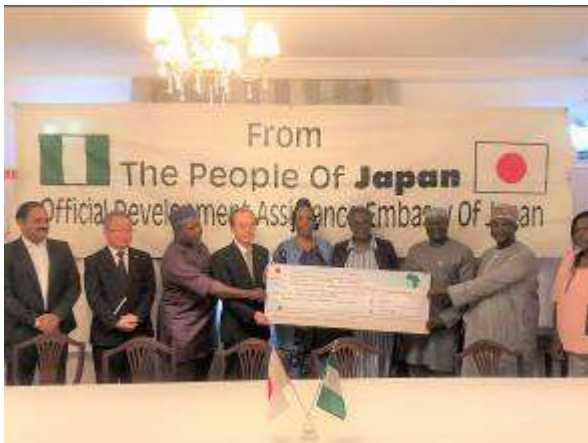
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|                               | <p>Agricultural Development Programme, NADP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project for Provision of Power Tillers and Combined Harvesters in Edu Local Government Area in Kwara State, Tabitha Cumi Foundation</li> </ul> |
| <b>Amount to be granted</b>   | 298,095 USD   |
| <b>Summary of the Project</b> | <p>Provision of power tillers and combined harvesters.</p>    |



Grant contract signing between Ambassador and NADP



Grant contract signing between Ambassador and Tabitha Cumi Foundation



Ambassador and representatives at the signing ceremony



Ambassador delivering a speech