

## <Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) in FY 2015>

### The Project for the Extension of a Residential Special School for the Mentally Challenged Children in Alappuzha, Kerala

The inauguration was held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Alappuzha, Kerala

**Project Name:** The Project for the Extension of a Residential Special School for the Mentally Challenged Children in Alappuzha, Kerala

**Recipient Organization:** Deepthy Special School

**Grant Amount:** US\$79,178

Ms. Shiho Bamba, Consul, Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, inaugurated the Project for the Extension of a Residential Special School for the Mentally Challenged Children in Alappuzha, Kerala on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The grant contract was signed between the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai and Deepthy Special School for the amount of US\$79,178 on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The ceremony was attended by staff of the School and its parent organization, Holy Queen's Province of Congregation of the Mother of Carmel, students and their parents.

Deepthy Special School was established in 1992 to provide educational services to differently-abled children from poor families in Muhamma, Alappuzha in Kerala. Recognizing the severity of social and educational exclusion of mentally challenged children in the area, the school has been promoting their social participation and total human development through education by providing quality special education, rehabilitation, residential care, and skill trainings, entirely free of cost. With an increasing number of students, the School is facing lack of space and facilities for accommodations. To address the issue, residential facilities were constructed under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP). The School is confident that more than 100 students will be benefitted from the improved environments suitable for learning, living, and rehabilitation.

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Ms. Shiho Bamba, Consul, with students of Deepthy Special School



Funded building



Ribbon-cutting ceremony



Ms. Bamba delivers speech



Students and parents celebrate the inauguration