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PUPILS HAVE A REASON TO SMILE AFTER JAPAN FUNDS THEIR SCHOOL – THARAKA NITHI COUNTY

Pupils of Willies Primary school have a lot to smile about after the completion of new facilities at their school situated in Maara (Tharaka Nithi County). A ceremony to hand over the new facilities funded by the Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was today presided over by a representative of the Embassy of Japan in Mr. Yuki Yamana. The Project for the Expansion of Willies Primary School received a grant of Kshs 9 million (USD 111,178) from Japan.



MP Japheth Kareke Mbiuki and Mr. Yamana opened the new school facility



Pupils of Willies expressed their appreciation through their performance

community began under very poor conditions such that pupils went as far as sharing a community building with a dispensary as well as using the neighboring church facilities. Regardless of the humble situation, the pupils, half of who are orphans, have been performing very well academically and is among the top performing schools in the area.

The afternoon inauguration ceremony held at the school was witnessed by the area member of parliament Hon. Japheth Kareke Mbiuki, officials from the local authority, school committee members, teachers, parents and the pupils.

The school founded in 2007 through the initiative of the local



Mr. Yamana was surrounded by a lot of smiles

With the GGP grant, the school has been able to construct 6 classrooms and an administration block, renovate 4 classrooms, install electricity and 3 water tanks as well as purchase sufficient furniture.

In his remarks, Mr. Yamana congratulated the school for its successful completion of the project and hoped that with the new facilities, the school would attract and serve more pupils seeking quality education and within conducive environment.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

***GGP** - Through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, the Government of Japan has been providing funding to NGOs, Community Based Organizations, schools and medical institutions to improve the lives of people at the grassroots level in Kenya. Since 1990, Japan has disbursed nearly Kshs 1.2 billion through this scheme and contributed the development of various fields in Kenya.

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