

## Visit by President Margvelashvili to the Rehabilitation Center in Ureki City

On 16 July President Margvelashvili visited the Rehabilitation Center in Ureki City, which was constructed within the framework of “Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects” provided by the Government of Japan. The head of the Rehabilitation Center and its doctors gave an explanation of the outline of the facility itself and the situation of cooperation with Japan. Answering to the President’s questions, they also explained about the details of beneficiaries, the medical effect of Ureki-original magnetic sand which is used for medical care.

- The President made following speech at the welcome reception:

We are now visiting Ureki Rehabilitation Center that was built with the assistance of Japan. The Government of Japan is exceptionally active in this direction. I want to extend my special gratitude towards the Ambassador of Japan in Georgia, Mr. Kaitani for the activities that their Embassy is conducting for helping out the disabled people here, in Urkei and also in Ozurgeti town. In Georgia, we are all well aware that Ureki has a unique potential and exploitation of this potential requires the development of infrastructure that on the other hand develops not only the rehabilitation system but also the economy of the country. We thank cordially our Japanese friends and greet the children that are on this beautiful place now.



President Margvelashvili(Center), First Lady (Left), Chariperson of Ozurgeti municipal assembly (right), Ambassador Kaitani (Second from Left)

**The Project for Construction of the Rehabilitation Centre in Ureki City**

**within the Framework of**

**“Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects”**

**provided by the Government of Japan**

On September 25, 2012, the Opening Ceremony was held in Ureki City concerning the Project for Construction of the Rehabilitation Centre in Ureki City, which has been implemented within the framework of “Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects” of the Government of Japan.

The Grant Contract of the above-mentioned project was concluded on November 8, 2011 between the Embassy of Japan and Guria Regional Association of Disabled People. The aim of this project is to improve the environment of social service to persons with disabilities by construction of rehabilitation centre in Ureki City. The budget scale of this project is 108,411 USD.

The “Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects” (GGP) provides assistance to relatively small projects implemented by NGOs and aims at improving the living standards of Georgian people. It applies to projects in the field of public health, education, social protection, environment and poverty reduction. Since 1998, 139 GGP projects have been financed in Georgia by the Government of Japan, totaling 12,887,599 USD. The size of Japan’s Official Development Assistance to Georgia has reached over 369 million USD, covering a wide spectrum of areas such as improvement of economic infrastructure, agricultural and social sectors, culture and human resource development.

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