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## ***Press Release***

**Opening Ceremony of The Project for Construction of Social Educational Center  
in Nikozi Village of Gori District within the Framework of  
“Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects”  
provided by the Government of Japan**

At 12:00 p.m., on September 19, 2013, the Opening Ceremony will be held in Nikozi Village of Gori District concerning the Project for Construction of Social Educational Center in Nikozi village of Gori District, which has been implemented within the framework of “Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects” of the Government of Japan. The Ceremony will be attended by Mr. Toshio Kaitani - Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan to Georgia, representatives of local authority and members of related organizations.

The Grant Contract of the above-mentioned project was concluded on September 11, 2012 between the Embassy of Japan and NGO “American Friends of Georgia”. The aim of this project is to improve educational environment in Nikozi, Zemo Nikozi, Pkhvenisi, and Zemo Kviti villages by creation of the educational and cultural center. It is expected that more than 100 children would receive vocational education and benefit from this project. The budget scale of this project is 116,805 USD.

The “Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects” (GGP) provides assistance to relatively small projects implemented by medical institutions, as well as 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, one hundred thirty GGP projects have been financed in Georgia totaling 12,161,961 USD. The size of Japan’s Official Development Assistance to Georgia has reached over 362 million USD, covering a wide spectrum of areas such as improvement of economic infrastructure, agricultural and social sectors, culture and human resource development.



# Opening Ceremony

