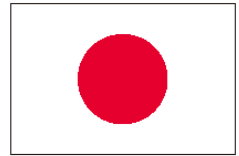


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Japan Provides a Science Laboratory Block in Kabale District

The Embassy of Japan will commission a newly constructed and fully furnished Science Laboratory block in St. Mary's College Rushoroza in Kabale District on Thursday 3rd December 2020.

“The Project for the Construction of a Science Laboratory Block at St. Mary's College Rushoroza in Kabale District” was signed between the Embassy of Japan and the school on 2nd February 2018 with a total grant of 85,251 USD equivalent to over 289 million Ug. Shs.

The Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, H.E. FUKUZAWA Hidemoto will officiate in the commissioning of the project to the beneficiaries.

St. Mary's College Rushoroza in Kabale District was established in 1967 by the Catholic Church in Kabale Diocese to provide quality education to students. When the government set biology, chemistry, and physics as compulsory subjects in 2007, the school had only an old science laboratory block with two classrooms which was constructed in the 1970s. With 1,174 students who are required to take the science subjects, the teaching and learning facilities for science subjects became inadequate especially for practical lessons. This made the students unable to complete the curriculum within a set term, and as a result, their performance in science subjects was much poorer than other subjects. This project constructed a science laboratory block and provided a set of furniture in order to ensure that sufficient practical lessons for science subjects are provided to 1,174 students in the school.

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community development projects to uplift the life of people at the grassroots. So far, a total of 265 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.

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