

Signing Ceremony of The Project for the Construction of the Creative Centre Respite Unit

On 16 February, the Grant Contract for the Project for the Construction of the Creative Centre Respite Unit was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) by Ambassador Toshihisa Takata and Ms Teresa Manarangi-Trott, Chairperson of the Creative Centre. The Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of NZ\$ 90,270 and involves building three new units and upgrade one existing unit as a respite facility. These three new units will be used by clients, families and caregivers who require respite or need to stay overnight. The forth unit can be used by visiting specialists or experienced volunteers as on site accommodation.

The Centre operates weekly activities, providing clients with basic literacy and numeracy programmes, various sports activities, crafting, pottery, painting and music along with vocational training programmes supported by the Ministry of Education. Ambassador Takata congratulated the Centre and hoped that the completion of this project would secure a rehabilitating and nursing environment for clients.

