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JAPAN PROVIDES RS. 6.5 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT FOR EXPANSION OF HEALTH ORIENTED PREVENTIVE EDUCATION FORMAL SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AT KORANGI IN KARACHI

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The Government of Japan extended <u>a grant of US\$72,922 (approximately Rs. 6.5 million)</u> to Health Oriented Preventive Education Foundation (HOPE) The Project for Expansion of Health Oriented Preventive Education Formal School and Vocational Training Center at Korangi in Karachi under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The Agreement was signed in Karachi by Mr. Masamichi Abe, Acting Consul-General of Japan and Dr. Mubina Agboatwalla, Chairperson of Health Oriented Preventive Education Foundation (HOPE).

Vowing to achieve its objective to provide low cost quality education to the children of Korangi area, suffering from poverty, the Grant will be utilized for expansion of the second floor of HOPE school so that the school meets the rapid rise in demand of enrolment and accommodates more admissions.

The Consulate General of Japan sincerely hopes that this project help provide adequate education to needy children and they can have better opportunity of employment in the future. The Consulate General of Japan also wishes that this support from the people of Japan will strengthen the present amicable relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Masamichi Abe, Acting Consul-General, said that the better implementation of this project will surely be a driving force to give hope to deprived families who cannot afford expensive tuition.

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