## Press Release

## 15 Journalists participated in "Japan's GGP Press Tour" in Karachi

The Consulate General of Japan in Karachi organized "Japan's Grassroots Human Security Grant Assistance Program (GGP) Press Tour" on 14, 17 and 18 December, 2015.

The GGP was established to assist NGOs and local public authorities in developing countries in responding to various development needs. This tour intended to provide journalists with a firsthand knowledge about Japan's concepts of its Grassroots Human Security Grant Assistance Program (GGP) and to subsequently inform the people of Pakistan of Japan's various GGP projects.

On 14, 17 and 18 December 2015, a group of major media agencies in Karachi consisting of 15 journalists participated in this tour. They visited two of the project sites in Karachi as follows:

- > The Project for Provision of Medical Equipment for Blood-related Diseases to Fatimid Foundation (Site: Fatimid Foundation, Britto Road, Garden East, Karachi)
- > The Project for the Installation of Seven Water Filtration Plants in Karachi (Site:F.B Area Station, Karachi)

On December 17, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, Mr. Akira Ouchi briefed the participants on Japan's GGP scheme and the projects implemented in Sindh and Balochistan at Japan Information and Culture Center. Mr. Ouchi mentioned that the GGP began its operation in Pakistan in 1989, and have implemented about 350 projects and the total amount is about US\$ 20 million. Among them, 80 projects have been implemented in Sindh and Balochistan, and the total amount is about US\$ 4.5 million..

Mr. Ouchi expressed his hope that the bond of Japan and Pakistan will be further strengthened through these projects.

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For further information, please contact the Japan Information and Culture Center at the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi: 35220800 (Ext. 134). Also please kindly visit our web-site: <a href="http://www.kr.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/">http://www.kr.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/</a> in regard to this official visit.



Briefing by Consul-General Mr.Ouchi





On the Hand-Over Ceremony at Fatimid Foundation





At Filteration Water Project running by Al-Khidmat Foundation