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## Press Release

### Japanese Consul General's Official visit to the interior Sindh

The Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, Mr. Akira Ouchi made an official visit to Hyderabad and Jamshoro District from May 13 to 14, 2015. Mrs. Junko Ouchi, wife of the Consul-General Mr. Ouchi also accompanied him on this official visit.

On May 13, 2015, Consul-General Mr. Ouchi visited Hyderabad to deliver a lecture on “*Bilateral Relations between Japan and Pakistan*” to the members of the Rotary Club of Hyderabad. Around 100 members from the Rotary Club of Hyderabad and other branches of Rotary Club members attended the lecture. The audience keenly listened to the Consul-General Mr. Ouchi's lecture and a lively question and answer session ensued, in which audiences' interests were mainly related to Japan and Pakistan's economic relations, current ODA projects in the Sindh Province and people-to-people exchange programs conducted by the Government of Japan. Mr. Richard Arif, the President of Rotary Club of Hyderabad, expressed his sincere gratitude to the Consul-General Mr. Ouchi for visiting Hyderabad, and delivering very informative lecture to the members of Rotary Club of Hyderabad.

On the same day, Mrs. Junko Ouchi, wife of the Consul-General Mr. Ouchi held a demonstration of *furoshiki* (traditional Japanese wrapping cloth) at Mehran University of Engineering and Technology in Jamshoro District. Mrs. Ouchi presented Japanese creative art work of wrapping objects of various shapes and sizes with *furoshiki* of several fabrics and colors, considering different occasions. Mrs. Ouchi demonstrated how to wrap book, box, bottle, fruits, etc. as well as how to do handbag and tissue box makeovers with *furoshiki*. Around 120 students and the faculty members, mainly from the Department of Center of Excellence in Arts and Design, joined this cultural program. They thoroughly enjoyed the cultural event and expressed their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Ouchi for delivering very interesting demonstration, in which they were able to learn exquisite and artistic Japanese culture of *furoshiki*.

Also on this occasion, Consul-General Mr. Ouchi and Mrs. Ouchi visited the ancient historical site of Rani Kot Fort, which is enlisted in UNESCO's World Heritage tentative list.

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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: <http://www.kr.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/> in regard to this official visit.

