

## **Press Release**

## Inauguration Ceremony for "The Project for Constructing Starfish Vocational Training Centre at SITE Town in Karachi"

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

On Tuesday May 12, the Inauguration Ceremony for "The Project for Constructing Starfish Vocational Training Centre at SITE Town in Karachi" was held at Starfish Vocational Training Centre in Karachi, with the presence of Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan in Karachi and Mr. Anser Javed, National Director of Starfish Pakistan.

The Government of Japan extended a grant of US\$101,007 for the construction of a vocational training centre and the provision of equipment for sewing and hairdressing courses under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme, for which the grant contract was signed in February 2012. The vocational training centre provides training courses in five areas: electrician, computer software, computer repair, sewing and hairdressing. And it is expected that over 200 young people will receive the vocational training annually. The project will allow the graduates from this vocational training centre to find proper jobs with their acquired skills and improve their standard of living and ultimately contribute to the society as a whole.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan expressed his great pleasure in the realization of this project and sincerely hoped that the vocational training centre will greatly contribute to the development of the society and wished that this project would strengthen the friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

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