

Press Release

**The Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi Hands Over Books to
NED University of Engineering and Technology Under the “READ JAPAN PROJECT”**

On Thursday, April 24, 2025

At NED University, Karachi

Karachi – The Consulate General of Japan in Karachi, in collaboration with the Tokyo Foundation, successfully conducted a book handover ceremony at the Main Campus of NED University of Engineering and Technology. The event marked the donation of 65 books under the “READ JAPAN PROJECT” by the Tokyo Foundation, an initiative aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of Japan’s rich culture, literature, and politics worldwide.

Consul General of Japan in Karachi, Mr. HATTORI Masaru, officially presented the books to NED University. The carefully curated collection provides a valuable insight into Japanese history, culture, philosophy, and more.

Speaking at the ceremony, Consul General HATTORI Masaru highlighted the importance of academic and cultural exchange in strengthening bilateral ties between Japan and Pakistan. He expressed hope that these books would serve as a resource for students, researchers, and faculty members with diverse interests in Japan.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Noman Ahmed thanked the Tokyo Foundation for their generous gift of knowledge, expressing hope that students will use this opportunity to learn about Japan and strengthen future Japan-Pakistan bilateral relations. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Tufail added that the books provide insights into Japan’s societal system, development journey, and values.

I hope that everyone here will make good use of these books for the benefit of others who are not here.

The Tokyo Foundation’s “READ JAPAN PROJECT”, clearly demonstrates Japan’s commitment to promoting cultural diplomacy and mutual understanding by providing access to reliable, high-quality Japanese books to academic institutions worldwide.

The event concluded with an appreciation from NED University representatives, who acknowledged the significance of this contribution in enhancing their academic resources and fostering a greater appreciation of Japanese studies among students.

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