

## Second Anniversary of Great East Japan Earthquake commemorated in Karachi

On March 11, 2013, Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan in Karachi and Mrs. Junko Ouchi hosted a reception to commemorate the Second Anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake at Japan Information and Culture Center of the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi. Mr. Muzaffar Ali Shujra, Rehabilitation Minister of Sindh was the chief guest at the event that was also attended by Col. Shehryar Akbar, Consultant of the Relief Ministry of Sindh, the Consul-Generals of other countries in Karachi, etc. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Akira Ouchi reiterated his appreciation to warm sympathy and generous support from the world and Pakistani people in particular after the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 and stressed the steady progress is being made in post-earthquake reconstruction. He mentioned that the Japanese Government is now focusing on policies that benefit (1)economic revival, (2)reconstruction and (3)crisis management. During the reception, the Consulate-General of Japan displayed the panels on Japan and how the reconstruction has been realized and Ikebana flower arrangements arranged by four Ikebana associations and showed the DVDs on how Japan has recovered from the disaster and the reconstruction is progressing and vigorous Japan.

On the same day, the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi celebrated the inauguration of Japan Week to be held from March 12 to 14, 2013. Japan Week consists of Ikebana Demonstrations on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Japanese Film Show on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Origami (Japanese Folding Paper) Workshop on the 14<sup>th</sup> to show a new and brighter image of Japan.

