

**Speech by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi**  
**on the occasion of the Handover Ceremony for “ The Project for the**  
**Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Facilities for 25 Primary**  
**Schools in Hyderabad” on January 13, 2016.**

Honorable Mr. Ghaffar Malik, Executive Director of Sindh Development Society,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalam Alaikum.

It gives me a great pleasure to attend this Handover Ceremony for the **“Project for the Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Facilities for 25 Primary Schools in Hyderabad” today.**

I am pleased to see that the water sanitation and hygiene facilities provided under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) are now ready to serve the students of the schools. The grant of about 5.1million Rupees covers the cost of 50 latrines and 25 water pumps, etc. for 25 primary schools in Hyderabad.

The schools currently have a total of about 2,000 students but none of the schools had any water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. This poor sanitary situation has prevented some children from attending schools. With the implementation of this project it is expected to greatly improve the sanitary situation in the 25 primary schools.

I sincerely hope that the implementation of this project would improve the educational environment for children in rural areas of Hyderabad, and the number of students would greatly increase in the future.

I also wish that this support from the people of Japan would further strengthen friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan

Bahot Shukria.

Thank you very much.

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