## <u>Speech by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi</u> <u>on the occasion of the Handover Ceremony for "The Project for</u> <u>the Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization" in Quetta</u>

Honorable Lt. General (Retd) Muhammad Ishaq, Chief Executive Officer of Jam-e-Shafa Organization

Honorable Mr. Parvez Ghias, Chief Executive Officer of Indus Motors Company Limited

Honorable Mr. Keiichi Murakami, Vice Chairman of Indus Motors Company Limited

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Assalam Alaikum.

It gives me a great pleasure to attend this Handover Ceremony for the <u>"The</u> <u>Project for the Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization" today.</u>

I am pleased to see that the ambulances provided under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) are now ready to be deployed for emergency services in Quetta. The grant of about 102 thousand US dollars (approximately Rs. 10.2 million) for "*The Project for The Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization*" under GGP scheme covers the cost of two ambulances fully equipped for emergency medical services. In addition to the grant of about 10.2 million Rupees, 1.4 million Rupees are contributed by Indus Motors Company Limited to cover the cost of the equipment. This project is the second case of public-private partnership between the Consulate General of Japan in Karachi and Indus Motors Company Limited.

Jam - e - Shafa Organization is an NGO which has been providing 24 hour medical services to the people in Quetta since 1992.

The Government of Japan had once provided an ambulance and medical equipment to Jam-e-Shafa Organization in 2003 and this project is to provide two new fully equipped ambulances to replace the old ones. I sincerely hope that these new ambulances will improve emergency medical response and help save the lives of more people in Quetta.

I would like to thank Indus Motors Company Limited, especially Mr. Parvez Ghias, Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Keiichi Murakami, Vice Chairman of Indus Motors Company Limited for their generous collaboration and hope that this kind of partnership will continue in the future as well for the promotion of social welfare for the people of Pakistan.

Finally, I would like to conclude my remarks by saying that the assistance that we are providing through this project is a token of friendship from the people of Japan and Japan will continue to provide Pakistan with assistance in many fields to further strengthen our friendly relationship.

Bahot Shukria.

Thank you very much.

[END]