## Press Release

The Consulate General of Japan in Karachi extended a grant of <u>USD 101,007</u> (equivalent to Rs 8.6 Million) to Starfish Karachi, a local Christian NGO for the Project for Constructing Starfish Vocational Training Centre at SITE Town in Karachi at the Japan Culture Center of the Consulate General of Japan in Karachi.

The contract was signed in Karachi by Mr Masaharu Sato, Consul General of Japan, Karachi and Mr Anser Javed, Chairman of Starfish Karachi on Monday, 20 February 2012.

The Japanese grant shall be used for the construction of a two-storied building with nine rooms and for the installation of the necessary equipment for the vocational training courses. This vocational training centre shall provide training courses in seven different areas: auto mechanic, mechanic, electrician, computer software, computer repair, sewing and hairdressing. Each training course will accommodate 15 people every half year and it is expected to train 210 people annually.

At the signing ceremony, Mr Sato, Consul General of Japan said that "these vocational training courses will enable the graduates to find proper technical jobs, improve their livelihoods, and in doing so, they will contribute to the society through their work."

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