

PRESS RELEASE

JAPAN PROVIDES US\$ 93,848 FOR THE PROJECT OF PROVISION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR AL-MUSTAFA MEDICAL CENTER IN KARACHI, SINDH

KARACHI: 15th July, 2009

The Government of Japan extended **a grant of US\$ 93,848 (approx. Rs. 7.6 million)** to the Al-Mustafa Welfare Society, a Non-Governmental Organization, for the project of the provision of medical facilities for the Al-Mustafa Medical Center in Karachi, Sindh, under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), on July 15, 2009,

The agreement for this carefully selected health sector development project was signed in Karachi by **Mr. Akinori Wada, Consul General of Japan, Karachi and Mr. Ahmed Abdul Shakoor, President of Al-Mustafa Welfare Society on Wednesday, 15th of July, 2009.**

The grant will be utilized for the provision of the basic medical equipments for an additional operation theater. The purpose of this project is to help more local people to access free and fine medical treatment. The Consulate General of Japan plays an important part in the NGO's effort toward social welfare activities by providing funds for the improvement of the facilities.

The Consulate General of Japan sincerely hopes that this project will help upgrading of the living condition of the local people, and also wishes that this support from the people of Japan will strengthen the present amicable relationship between Pakistan and Japan.

At the signing ceremony, Akinori Wada, Consul General, said that the better implementation of this project will surely be a driving force for the development of the unprivileged regions of Karachi, and that it will be inspiring to see the residents enjoy better standards of living.

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