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Japan provides RS10.2 Million for the Project for the Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization

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The government of Japan extended a grant of US\$102,008 (approximately Rs. 10.2 million) to Jam-e-Shafa Organization for "The Project for the Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization" under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme.

The grant contract was signed at the Japan Information and Culture Center of the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi, between Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan in Karachi and Lt. General (Retd) Muhammad Ishaq, Chief Executive Officer of Jam-e-Shafa Organization. Mr. Parvez Ghias, Chief Executive Officer of Indus Motors Company Limited was also present at the occasion.

The grant covers the cost of two ambulances fully equipped with basic life-support equipment to achieve the objective of providing efficient access to emergency services to save the lives of people in Quetta. In addition to the grant of about 10.2 million Rupees, 1.4 million Rupees are contributed by Indus Motors Company Limited. This project is the second case of public-private partnership between the Consulate General of Japan in Karachi and Indus Motors Company Limited.

The Government of Japan provided an ambulance and medical equipment to Jam-e-Shafa Organization in 2003 and this project is to provide two new ambulances to replace the old ones.

This project was realized as a result of Mr. Ouchi's meeting with Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, Chief Minister of Balochistan in April 2014 when he promised to consider Japan's assistance to Balochistan through GGP in the future.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Ouchi sincerely hoped that the implementation of this project would improve emergency medical services and help save the lives of more people in Quetta. Mr. Ouchi also wished that this support from the people of Japan would further strengthen friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan

Under the GGP scheme, Japan has funded more than 300 projects in Pakistan since 1989, and this is the 12th GGP project and the first one in Quetta to be implemented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi since 2009.

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