

PRESS RELEASE

JAPAN PROVIDES RS. 10.2 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE EYE HOSPITAL IN THE DISTRICT BADIN, SINDH

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The Government of Japan extended **a grant of US\$104,534 (approximately Rs. 10.2 million)** to Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust (LRBT) for *the Project for the Improvement of the Eye Hospital in the District Badin, Sindh* under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The agreement was signed in Karachi by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan and Mr. Khawaja Zafar Hussain, Chairman of LRBT.

The Grant will be utilized for building the new operation theatre in the LRBT Eye hospital in the District Badin, which will replace the old and damaged one built in 1987, so as to enable LRBT to continue free surgical operations in the safe environment.

The Consulate-General of Japan sincerely hopes that this project will help provide adequate and free eye care to people who cannot afford the treatment and they can enjoy their normal life without difficulties. The Consulate-General of Japan also wishes that this support from the people of Japan will strengthen the present amicable relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General, hoped that by building larger and safer operation theatre, LRBT would provide a required surgery for more patients and prevent them from sufferings caused by eye diseases.