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## **Press Release**

### **Japan provides RS5.1Million for the Project for the Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Facilities for 25 Primary Schools in Hyderabad**

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The government of Japan extended a grant of US\$51,215 (approximately Rs.5.1 million) to Sindh Development Society for “The Project for the Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Facilities for 25 Primary Schools in Hyderabad” under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme.

The grant contract was signed on February 12, 2015 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 Mr. Ghaffar Malik, Executive Director of Sindh Development Society.

The grant covers the cost for the provision of 50 latrines and 25 water pumps, etc. for 25 primary schools in Hyderabad. The schools currently have a total of about 2,000 students but none of the schools have any water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities. This poor sanitary situation has prevented some children from attending school. With the implementation of this project it is expected to greatly improve the sanitary situation in the 25 primary schools.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Ouchi sincerely hoped that the implementation of this project would improve the educational environment for children in rural areas of Hyderabad, and the number of students would greatly increase in the future. 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 14<sup>th</sup> GGP project to be implemented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi since 2009.

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