

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **JAPANESE SUPPORTED INTENSIVE CARE UNIT EQUIPMENTS COMPLETED WORTH US\$ 111,129 IN KARACHI**

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The Government of Japan completed the project of equipping Afzaal Memorial Thalassemia Foundation with intensive care unit equipments in Karachi, worth US\$ 111,129 (approx. Rs. 9.5 million) under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), on February 29, 2012.

The inauguration ceremony took place at Thalassemia Center in Karachi, with the presence of Mr. Masaharu Sato, Consul General of Japan and Dr. Asim Qidwai, C.E.O. of Afzaal Memorial Thalassemia Foundation. The Grant has been utilized for the intensive care unit equipments to provide complimentary treatment for thalassemia and its complications which could lead to death or significant morbidities.

The Japanese government and the NGO had agreed and signed on this carefully selected health sector development project on August 25, 2011, and since then both parties have made endeavours to establish intensive care unit equipments with the purpose to save the lives of people suffering from life threatening diseases and to ensure them a normal life.

The Government of Japan strongly believes that this support from the people of Japan in the essential field of development will strengthen the present amicable relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

At the ceremony, Mr. Masaharu Sato, Consul General of Japan, said that the implementation of this project would surely be a driving force to give hope to people with blood disorder sufferers, and that it would be inspiring to see them enjoy a better life.