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### JAPAN HANDS OVER THE BASIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS WORTH US\$ 93,848 TO THE AL-MUSTAFA MEDICAL CENTER IN KARACHI, SINDH

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The Government of Japan handed over **the basic medical equipments worth US\$ 93,848 (approx. Rs. 8 million)** to the Al-Mustafa Welfare Society, a Non-Governmental Organization, for the project of provision of medical equipments for the Al-Mustafa Medical Center in Karachi, Sindh, under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), on September 20, 2010.

The handing-over ceremony has been conducted at the Al-Mustafa medical centre at Karachi, with the presence of Consul General of Japan, Mr. Masaharu Sato. The medical equipments such as Diathermy, OT light, OT table, Autoclave, Ventilator, etc and Gas Generator were handed over to Ahmed Abdul Shakoor Munshi, the president of the Al-Mustafa Welfare Society.

Japanese government and the NGO agreed and signed on this carefully selected health sector development project on July 15, 2009, and since then both parties have made tremendous efforts to set up an additional operation theatre with the purpose to help more local people to access free and fine medical treatment.

The Consulate General of Japan, Karachi sincerely hopes that the above efforts 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 handing over ceremony, Masaharu Sato, Consul General, said that the better implementation of this project will surely be a driving force for better medical treatment in this area of Karachi, and that it will be inspiring to see the residents enjoy better standards of living.