



## Press Release

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### **Japan's Clean-Water Project Completed in Karachi**

Japan, jointly with the Al-Khidmat Foundation (AKF), successfully completed its clean-water project in Gulshan-e-Iqbal Town, Karachi. The Japanese Consul-General Mr Akira Ouchi and AKF's President Mr Niamatullah Khan celebrated its inauguration today.

The Government of Japan provided AKF with US\$ 90.952 (approximately Rs7.7 million) for 'The Project for the Installation of Seven Water Filtration Plants' in Karachi in July 2010 under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme.

The Japanese grant aid has funded the establishment of water filtration plants in Karachi's seven selected areas which suffer from unsafe drinking water. Six plants have already been launched officially and today, both parties attended the ceremony to inaugurate the last plant at Sachal Safora in Gulshan-e-Iqbal Town which benefits more than 20,000 residents who have the difficulty in accessing to safe drinking water.

At the ceremony, Consul-General Mr Ouchi wished all the beneficiaries to enjoy clean water provided by the filtration plant at a reasonable price and emphasized the significance of supporting grassroots activities such as this project done by AKF.

The Government of Japan strongly believes that this support from the people of Japan in the area of basic human needs will improve the quality of life in the less privileged community and in doing so further strengthen the present amicable relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

Japan's GGP scheme was established to assist NGOs and local public authorities in developing countries in responding to various development needs, but in a comparatively small scale in a prompt and complete manner. The Consulate General of Japan has financed eight GGP projects since 2009.

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