

PRESS RELEASE

**JAPANESE SUPPORTED PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPLETED
WORTH US\$ 70,821 IN KARACHI, SINDH**

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The Government of Japan completed “Al-Khair School” at New Karachi, Sindh, worth US\$ 70,821 (approx. Rs.6 million) in collaboration with Idara Al-Khair Welfare Society under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), on March 2, 2011.

The inauguration ceremony has been conducted at the Al-Khair School at New Karachi, with the presence of Acting Consul General of Japan, Mr. Toshikazu Isomura. The school facility has been extended from the Japanese Consulate to Mr. Mohammad Mazahir, President of the Idara Al-Khair Welfare Society (NGO). A number of students, boys and girls and local people also attended the ceremony and applauded the philanthropic efforts of Japan and the Pakistani NGO.

Japanese government and the NGO had agreed and signed on this carefully selected education development project on February 24, 2010, and since then both parties have made tremendous efforts to set up an educational institution with the purpose to help more local people to access free and quality education.

The Government of Japan believes that basic education is absolutely essential. For human beings to utilize their potential to achieve personal fulfilment and live in dignity, it is necessary for them to acquire the abilities to read, write, and think critically. In addition, in order for a country to become self-reliant and achieve growth, it is vitally important for a wide range of human resources to be cultivated, from doctors to lawyers to engineers fixing cars. Japan thinks that the need of basic education to foster such human resources even as we expand and enhance is self-evidence. This is a philosophy that Japanese people firmly believe in and it has been an underlying principle for Japan’s development assistance.

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 inauguration ceremony, Toshikazu Isomura, Acting Consul General, said that the better implementation of this project will surely be a driving force for spreading better basic education in Karachi, and that it will be inspiring to see the residents enjoy better standards of living.

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