

PRESS RELEASE

JAPAN HANDS OVER THE BLOOD BANK EQUIPMENTS WORTH US\$ 105,819 TO THE KKF IN KARACHI, SINDH

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The Government of Japan handed over **the blood bank related medical equipments worth US\$ 105,819 (approx. Rs. 9.1 million)** to the Khidmat-e-Khalq Foundation (KKF), a Non-Governmental Organization, under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), on April 29, 2011. The equipments are installed in Nazeer Hussain Hospital in Karachi, Sindh.

The handing over ceremony has been conducted at the KKF in Karachi, with the presence of Consul General of Japan, Mr. Masaharu Sato. Around 25 high-performance items including Automatic Blood Cell Processor, Blood Analyzer, Incubator, Serofuge, Microscope, Blood Bank Refrigerator, Freezer, etc. were handed over to Syed Mustafa Kamal, Managing Trustee of the KKF.

Japanese government and the KKF agreed and signed on this carefully selected health sector development project on October 14, 2010, and since then both parties have made tremendous efforts to set up a top quality blood bank with the purpose to help more local people to access free and fine blood-related treatment.

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, Mr. Masaharu Sato, Consul General, said that this is an example of good work through partnership between Japanese Consulate and the KKF. 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.

Since 1989 the Embassy of Japan in Islamabad has been accomplishing more than two hundred GGPs throughout Pakistan. Consulate General of Japan, Karachi carried out the first GGP successfully in 2009. Since then, it has been working on 4 projects focusing on various sectors such as basic education, primary health, basic infrastructure, etc. And the Consulate General of Japan is committed to continue its contribution to the development and welfare of the people of Pakistan.

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