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Inauguration Ceremony for “*The Project for the improvement of the Eye Hospital in the District Badin, Sindh*”

Thursday, December 11, 2014

On Thursday, December 11, the Inauguration Ceremony for “*The project for the improvement of the Eye Hospital in the District Badin, Sindh*” was held at the Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust (LRBT) Free Secondary Eye Hospital in District Badin, with the presence of Mr. Akira Ouchi, the Consul-General of Japan in Karachi and Mr. Najmus Saquib Hameed, the Chairman of Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust (LRBT).

The Government of Japan extended a grant of US\$104,534 to Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust (LRBT) for building a new operation theatre to replace the old one which was built in 1987. The new operation theatre with surgical equipment will greatly improve the treatment and surgical facilities for the eye patients in Southern Sindh. More than 70,000 eye patients come to this hospital every year, and these upgraded eye-care facilities are expected to provide more than 10,000 patients every year with free access to eye surgical operations in a safe environment.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan expressed his great pleasure in the realization of this project and sincerely hoped that this project would provide more people in Southern Sindh with free eye treatment with good quality. Mr. Ouchi mentioned that this project is a token of friendship from the people of Japan and that he wished that this support would further strengthen the friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

Under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) scheme, Japan has funded more than 300 projects in Pakistan since 1989, and Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi has so far implemented eleven projects since 2009.

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