

Speech by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi
on the occasion of the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony
on Monday, February 29th, 2016 at the Japan Information and Culture Center
of the Consulate General of Japan at Karachi

[Honorable Dr. Abdul Bari Khan, CEO of the Indus Hospital]

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Assalam Alaikum.

It gives me a great pleasure to attend this grant contract signing ceremony for “The Project for Provision of Medical Equipment for Pediatric Intensive Care Unit to the Indus Hospital” today.

The grant contract being signed today for the purchase of medical equipment for pediatric intensive care unit of Indus Hospital in Karachi amounts to about 9 million rupees.

As part of the Official Development Assistance to developing countries, the Government of Japan offers a scheme to support non-governmental organizations and community based organizations that are working specifically in the social development sector. Known as the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), it provides flexible and timely support to small-scale development projects, which aim to improve the social well-being of the people at the grassroots level.

Since 1989, Japan has been implementing this grant scheme for about 350 projects throughout Pakistan and the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi also initiated this scheme of assistance in 2009 and this project is the sixteenth

project.

The Indus Hospital since 2007 has been providing health care services to the people living in Sindh for free of charge. It has recently set up a new Pediatric Unit to provide better child health services.

The grant of about 9 million rupees will cover the cost of four ventilators, two infusion pumps, two syringe pumps, etc. These equipment is expected to provide significantly improved treatment services to spatialized children which will be installed in the new Pediatric Unit and I believe that this project will greatly contribute to upgrading of health care services to the children in Sindh.

I would like to conclude my remarks by saying that the assistance that we are providing through this project is a token of friendship from the people of Japan and I believe that it will further strengthen our friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

Bahot Shukria.

Thank you very much.

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