

## **Press Release**

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### **Japan provides RS12 Million for the ‘The Project for the Enhancement of Karachi Fire Brigade’.**

The government of Japan extended a grant of US\$113,868 (approximately Rs.12 million) to the Karachi Fire Department for “The Project for the Enhancement of Karachi Fire Brigade” under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme.

The grant contract was signed on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Japan Information and Culture Center of the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi, between Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan in Karachi and Mr. Tahseen Ahmed Siddiqui, Chief Fire Officer of Karachi Fire Department.

The grant covers the cost of reconditioning and transportation from Tokyo to Karachi for a ladder truck and a rescue truck. With increasing number of high rises, it is an urgent need for Karachi to increase the number of ladder trucks. Considering the needs of the city, Japan decided to provide a ladder truck and a rescue truck.

The grant is in the form of ‘recycling grant scheme’, which utilizes used but valuable vehicles by bearing the cost of reconditioning and transportation. The two fire trucks, which were used to be used in fire stations in Japan, are donated by the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy in Japan.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Ouchi sincerely hoped that the Fire Trucks provided under the grant would greatly improve rescue services in Karachi. Mr. Ouchi also wished that this support from the people of Japan would further strengthen friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

Under the GGP scheme, Japan has funded about 350 projects in Pakistan since 1989, and this is the 17th GGP project to be implemented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi since 2009.

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