

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Handover Ceremony for “The Project for Expanding and Strengthening Hamdard Free Mobile Dispensaries” in Karachi, Sindh.**

**Friday, September 4, 2015**

On Friday, September 4, the Handover Ceremony for “The Project for Expanding and Strengthening Hamdard Free Mobile Dispensaries” in Karachi, Sindh, was held at Hamdard Foundation Headquarters, with the presence of Mr. Akira Ouchi, the Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, Mrs. Sadia Rashid, the President of Hamdard Foundation, and the President of Pakistan Japan Cultural Association, Sindh and Mr. Hirofumi Nagao, CEO of PakSuzuki.

The Government of Japan extended a grant of US\$72,532 (approximately Rs.7.3 million) to Hamdard Foundation for the provision of 10 mobile dispensaries, equipped with basic equipment for all dispensaries. With the implementation of this project an additional number of more than 10,000 people are expected to benefit every month. In addition to the grant, Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited will provide after-sales service warranty for two additional years. This project is the first case of public-private partnership between the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi and Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited.

Hamdard Foundation is the NGO which has been providing health and welfare services to the under-privileged segments of the society since its foundation in 1969. It is noted for its Tibb, by researching on ‘Unani Medicine’. Mrs. Sadia Rashid, the President of Hamdard Foundation has been working relentlessly for the improvement of health and welfare of the under-privileged people.

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, will contribute to the betterment of life of the people in Pakistan. Mr. Ouchi also mentioned that the Mobile Dispensaries handed over today are the 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.

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