

PRESS RELEASE

Handover Ceremony for “The Project for the Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization” in Quetta

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

On Tuesday, September 15, the Handover Ceremony for “The Project for the Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization”, was held at Pak – Japan Cultural Centre in Quetta, with the presence of Mr. Akira Ouchi, the Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, Lt. General (Retd) Muhammad Ishaq, Chief Executive Officer of Jam-e-Shafa Organization, Mr. Parvez Ghias, Chief Executive Officer of Indus Motors Company Limited, Mr. Keiichi Murakami, Vice Chairman of Indus Motors Company Limited, and Syed Nadeem Shah, Honorary Consul General of Japan in Quetta.

The Government of Japan has extended a grant of US\$102,008 (approximately Rs. 10.2 million) to Jam -e-Shafa Organization in Quetta for “The Project for The Provision of Ambulances to Jam-e-Shafa Organization” under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme. The grant covers the cost of two ambulances fully equipped for emergency medical services. In addition to the grant of about 10.2 million Rupees, 1.4 million Rupees are contributed by Indus Motors Company Limited to cover the cost of equipment. This project is the second case of public-private partnership between the Consulate General of Japan in Karachi and Indus Motors Company Limited.

Jam-e-Shafa Organization is an NGO which has been providing 24 hour medical services to the people in Quetta since 1992. With the implementation of this project it is expected that Jam-e-Shafa Organization will be able to provide improved emergency services to more people in Quetta.

The Government of Japan had once provided an ambulance and medical equipment to Jam-e-Shafa Organization in 2003 and this project is to provide two new fully equipped ambulances to replace the old ones.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Ouchi expressed his great pleasure in the realization of this project and sincerely hoped that the implementation of this project would improve emergency medical services and help save the lives of more people in Quetta. 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 more than 300 projects in Pakistan since 1989, and this is the 13th GGP project and the first one in Quetta completed by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi since 2009.

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