

Press Release

<u>Handover Ceremony for "The Project for Improving Water Supply and Sanitation</u> <u>Systems of 27 Flood-Affected Villages in the District Tando Muhammad Khan,</u> <u>Sindh"</u>

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

On Tuesday April 7, the Handover Ceremony for "The Project for Improving Water Supply and Sanitation Systems of 27 Flood-Affected Villages in the District Tando Muhammad Khan, Sindh", was held at Ladho Kolhi Village in UC Tando Shah Bagrani, District Tando Muhammad Khan with the presence of Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi and Mr. Javed Hussain, Executive Director of Sindh Community Foundation.

The Government of Japan extended a grant of US\$99,935 for the installation of 216 hand water pumps, 5 water supply systems, and 200 public toilets in 27 villages located in the remote interior Sindh under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme, for which the grant contract was signed in February 2013. The completed facilities will benefit more than 23,000 people living in the villages with clean water and sanitation. This project is not only to recover the water supply systems, which were largely destroyed by the 2011 flood but also to improve the sanitary conditions by constructing public toilets.

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 the new water supply systems and toilets will greatly contribute to the betterment of the living conditions of the people in the villages and wished that this project would strengthen the friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

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