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Handover of Japanese Emergency Relief Goods to the Government of Nepal in Response to the Damages Caused by Heavy Rainfall

Ambassador of Japan to Nepal Mr. Masashi Ogawa handed over emergency relief goods to the Government of Nepal at a ceremony held at the Humanitarian Staging Area at the Tribhuvan International Airport on Wednesday.

This was the first shipment of emergency relief goods from the Japanese Government (3,000 blankets, 100 plastic sheets, 2,000 sleeping pads, 100 tents and 10 water tanks, weighing almost 10.4 tons) in response to the damages caused by heavy rainfall in the southern part of Nepal since August 11.

The relief supplies are worth around 25 million Japanese Yen (about NRs. 23.4 million) arrived at the Tribhuvan International Airport on Wednesday.

Followed by the signing of the letter of delivery and acceptance by Mr. Jun Sakuma, Chief Representative, JICA Nepal Office, and Mr. Kedar Neupane, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ambassador Ogawa handed over the inventory and goods to Hon'ble Home Minister Janardan Sharma.

On the occasion, Mr. Ogawa extended his heartfelt sympathy to the victims of these unfortunate natural disasters and then told, "The Japanese Government and Japanese citizens have not forgotten the friendship and compassion given to Japan during the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011 and in the Kumamoto Earthquake in April last year by the government and peoples of Nepal. Now, at this time, the Japanese Government and JICA are able to implement emergency assistance ahead of other governments and international organizations, which is an indication of the depth of the special relationship and consideration between our respective governments and citizens."

The Government of Japan sincerely hopes that these goods will be delivered promptly to the victims and will help us to improve the lives of those affected, even a little. We also hope that restoration work will go ahead steadily in the disaster-affected areas and the victims will be able to go back to their normal and peaceful lives as quickly as possible.

The second shipment of relief goods is scheduled to arrive tonight and other air transportations of goods will continue after that.

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