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### **An Inauguration and Handover Ceremony in Sakhejung, Ilam District for the Project for the Improvement of Community Road in Ilam District Funded by the Government of Japan**

An inauguration and handover ceremony is to be conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 in Sakhejung, Ilam District with the participation of Mr. Shinya Machida, Deputy Chief of Mission of Japan to Nepal, as well as Mr. Jhala Nath Khanal, former Prime Minister, and Mr. Data Ram Khanal, Chairperson of Clean and Green Nepal.

The Government of Japan has extended financial assistance totaling USD 99,588, equivalent to approximately NPR 9,885,000, to Clean and Green Nepal, a local NGO based in Kathmandu. The support is extended under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme of the Government of Japan for 2014.

A grant contract for the project was signed and exchanged between His Excellency, Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, and Mr. Data Ram Khanal, Chairperson of Clean and Green Nepal, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015, at the Embassy of Japan in Nepal.

The project is to support the construction of a 2 km community road from Banchare Golai on the Mechi Highway, to Pandit Gaun in Sakhejung VDC, Ward No. 4. The aim is to improve the condition of the road by setting up hume pipes under the road for water drainage, constructing retaining walls, and widening the road. Approximately ten thousand local residents of Sakhejung, Shantidanda and near villages will benefit in both their daily travels and also in cases when urgent transportation is required.

The Embassy of Japan expects this project to enhance the cordial friendship between the peoples of Japan and Nepal.

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