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### Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Construction of a Shelter-Community Center in Dhading District

The Government of Japan has decided to extend financial assistance of US Dollar 79,761, equivalent to approximately Nepalese Rupees 8,504,000, to Himalaya Conservation Group Nepal (HCG) under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme of the Government of Japan in Japan's Fiscal Year 2016. HCG, a Nepal NGO in Lalitpur District, will work with local authorities and community based organizations to implement the Project for the Construction of a Shelter-Community Center in Dhading District.



A Grant Contract relating to this project was signed and exchanged at the Embassy of Japan to Nepal on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, between Mr. Masashi OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, and Dr. Gangalal Tuladhar, Chairman of Himalaya Conservation Group Nepal.

This grant assistance will be used to implement a project in Kalleri VDC of Dhading District and aims to construct a shelter-community center for local residents.

Kalleri VDC, located in a remote area of Dhading District with a population of about nine thousand, was badly affected by the earthquake of 2015, leaving most of the houses destroyed. The recovery process suffered delays due to the difficulty of vehicles accessing the villages during the monsoon.

Himalaya Conservation Group Nepal, established in 2014, works for community empowerment through disaster preparedness, based on their research.

The shelter-community center, which will be built with funds from Japan, will be able to hold one hundred people in case of evacuation. At other times, it will be used as a multi-purpose community center for schools and local NGOs to conduct trainings and awareness programs. During peak harvesting season, it will be used as a collection center for agricultural products. It is expected that the center will also help local residents in their income generation.

The Embassy of Japan in Nepal expects this project will benefit the earthquake affected local residents and help them recover as soon as possible and live their daily life safely. Finally, I hope that this project will also enhance the cordial friendship between the peoples of Japan and Nepal.

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