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Handing over of Ski Equipment to Nepal Ski Association

On 13 July, H.E. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan, handed over ski equipment to Mr. Jeevan Ram Shrestha, President of the Nepal Ski Association at a ceremony.

The equipment comes as a donation to Nepal by the Ski Association of Japan (SAJ) and includes 12 pair of skis, six pairs of ski boots and six sets of ski wear. The donation of ski equipment was provided under the Japanese Government's "SPORT FOR TOMORROW" scheme.

Skiing is a popular international winter sport in Japan, North America and Europe. Nepal Ski Association has been trained about 15 skiers, and two athletes - one in cross-country and one in Alpine skiing, and there are plans for participating in the upcoming Winter Olympics.

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to support Nepal's enthusiasm in sport as that can contribute towards enhancing the cordial relations between the people of Japan and Nepal.

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※ "SPORT FOR TOMORROW" is an international contribution through sport that is jointly implemented by the private and public sectors, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan. This initiative aims to promote sport covering over 10 million people in more than 100 nations until 2020, the year when Tokyo will host the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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