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### **Japan Provides ICU Building and Medical Equipment to AMDA Hospital in Damak**

(Damak: 22<sup>nd</sup> October): The Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, Mr. Masashi Ogawa, attended the opening ceremony of the ICU building at AMDA Hospital in Damak, Jhapa District.

The Project for the Construction of the ICU Building and Installation of Medical Equipment at AMDA Hospital Damak is funded under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of the Government of Japan. The total grant for the project is Japanese Yen 9,346,819 (approximately Rs. 9.3 million).

The hospital has been providing polyclinic medical service to Bhutanese refugees and local people in the Eastern Region of Nepal. However, due to lack of ICU facilities, patients in a serious condition were obliged to go to larger cities. The newly constructed ICU building will save the lives of those in critical condition and provide a higher standard medical service to nearly 2 million people residing in the five districts of the eastern part of the country.

The equipment such as a ventilator, ABG machine, and X-ray machine, installed by this project will significantly improve the quality of the medical service that AMDA Hospital provides yearly to approximately 30,000 ambulatory patients and 800 admitted patients.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this project will contribute towards enhancing the medical service of the region and also wishes that it will strengthen bilateral friendship between Japan and Nepal.

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