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Japan Provides a Fire Engine for Damak Municipality in Jhapa

(Damak: 22nd October): The Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, Mr. Masashi Ogawa, handed over a fire engine and its accessories, including 15 hoses, to Mr. Rom Nath Oli, the Mayor of Damak Municipality.

The Project for the Provision of a Fire Engine for Damak Municipality is funded under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of the Japanese Government. The used fire engine was gifted by Myozai Fire Department in Japan, through the cooperation of the Tokushima-Nepal Friendship Association.

Currently, Damak Municipality Office owns one fire engine which is used for firefighting in the municipality as well as the surrounding areas. Last year it was called out more than 80 times. Due to the increased population, resulting from urbanization, and also demand from the surrounding area, it is becoming more difficult to respond to all incidents.

The fire engine will be managed and used by the Damak Fire Section. The department was established in 1994 and has eight fire fighters and drivers, who work 24 hour shifts.

This fire engine will be utilized in the district and it will contribute to keeping people safe.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this project will contribute towards saving the lives of people in need. Also, with the success of the project, we hope to enhance the bilateral friendship between Japan and Nepal.

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