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Japan Provides Assistance for Post-Disaster Psychosocial Care in Kathmandu

(Kathmandu: 21st February): The Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, Mr. Masashi Ogawa, signed a grant contract for the Project for Improvement of Community-Based Disaster Risk Management and Post-Disaster Psychosocial Care for Socially Vulnerable People in Nepal. The grant contract was signed between the Embassy of Japan and Ms Mayumi Yoshida, the Representative Director of Japan IsraAID Support Program (JISP).

The Project for Improvement of Community-based Disaster Risk Management and Post-Disaster Psychosocial Care for Socially Vulnerable People in Nepal is funded under the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects Scheme for FY2017. The total grant assistance is USD 267,745 (NPR 27 million).

JISP, an international NGO based in Japan, will work with Nepalese partner, Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), to implement the project.

With a goal of improving the comprehensive community based disaster risk management, the following three activities will be provided to civil servants of Kathmandu city, local NGO relief organizations, specialized nurses, and public universities and schools who engage in supporting citizens during times of disaster:-

(1) Training on disaster risk management and psychosocial care for socially vulnerable people:

Intensive training courses for the improvement of disaster risk management and psychosocial care for socially vulnerable people will be provided to the Urban Health Department of Kathmandu city, local NGO relief organizations, Nepal Nursing Association, and others, in order to enhance the capacity of service providers.

(2) Improvement of disaster prevention systems at evacuation points for citizens:

Disaster prevention systems will be organized through the distribution of disaster prevention leadership kits to public schools (10), health posts (23), and others.

(3) Establishment of a network between the participants of the training program:

In order to encourage exchanges of information and cooperation, a mid-term plan will be established to secure sustainability of the efforts to improve the community based disaster risk management system.

The Embassy of Japan in Nepal expects that the success of this project will contribute to improving the community based disaster risk management systems as well as the post-disaster psychosocial care for socially vulnerable people. It is also expected that the project will enhance the cordial friendship between the peoples of Japan and Nepal.

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