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Japan Provides Medical Equipment to a Community Health Center in Bhotechaur, Sindhupalchowk District

(Kathmandu: 21st February): The Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, Mr. Masashi Ogawa, signed a grant contract today to provide various medical equipment to the Rural Community Health Service Center (RCHSC), located in Bhotechaur, Sindhupalchowk District.

The agreement was signed between the Embassy of Japan and Mr. Krishna Prasad Chaulagain, Chairman of the Health Center.

The Project for the Installation of Medical Equipment for the Community Health Center is funded under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of the Government of Japan. The grant assistance amounts to USD 32,708 (approximately NPR 3.3 million).

The grant will support the installation of various medical devices such as a portable X-ray machine, CR laser imager, biochemistry analyzer, microscope, and centrifuge etc., as well as furniture for the health center.

The Rural Community Health Service Center is located in Bhotechaur, Sindhupalchowk District, and is the sole medical facility in the area. The health center was severely hit by the 2015 earthquake and, since then, its operation has been limited. Since the health center cannot provide medical services, patients have to go to Kathmandu, which is almost a three hour-drive from Bhotechaur.

After the installment of the medical equipment funded by the grant assistance, the health center, in close collaboration with the Melamchi Municipality, will increase the variety of medical services it provides.

As another supporter of the Rural Community Health Service Center, the Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS) has been contributing to enhance the medical services of the center through construction of a building after the earthquake so that the health center did not have to interrupt its operations. NAAS originally introduced the proposal of upgrading the health center by the GGP assistance, and the Government of Japan decided to grant the fund to strengthen the facility's services in collaboration with NAAS.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this project will contribute towards enhancing the health center's services to better serve patients who live in remote areas, and also strengthen the bilateral relationship between Japan and Nepal.

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