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**Japan Hands Over Rice to Nepal**

His Excellency, Mr. Masamichi SAIGO, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, handed over rice provided under Japan's Food Aid (KR) to Nepal in Japanese Fiscal Year 2016 to the Government of Nepal at a function held today at the Nepal Food Corporation.

Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire, Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Supplies; Mr. Yogendra Gauchan, General Manager, Nepal Food Corporation, and other senior government officials were present at the event.

The Government of Japan has extended a grant assistance of ¥350 million, equivalent to Rs. 321 million to the Government of Nepal to procure rice in Japan's Fiscal Year 2016. A total 5,174 metric tons (MT) of rice was procured under Food Aid 2016.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, H.E. Mr. SAIGO said that, he believed the rice handed over to the Government of Nepal would help Nepal manage the food deficit and that the proceeds from the sales of rice deposited in a counterpart fund would be used to support economic and social development in Nepal.

H.E. Mr. SAIGO added that he believed that such support would also contribute towards strengthening the existing friendly relationship between Japan and Nepal.

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