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Japan Extends Grant Aid for the Implementation of the School Sector Development Program

The Government of Japan has extended grant assistance of up to three hundred million Japanese Yen (¥ 300,000,000), equivalent to three hundred eight million Nepalese Rupees (NRs. 308,000,000) to the Government of Nepal for the School Sector Development Program (SSDP).

His Excellency Mr. Masamichi SAIGO, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, and Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal, Joint Secretary of the International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division of the Ministry of Finance signed notes to this effect at the Ministry of Finance on Friday (5 October, 2018).

Another set of grant agreements for implementing the program were signed by Mr. Jun SAKUMA, Chief Representative of JICA Nepal, and Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal, Joint Secretary of the International Economic Cooperation and Coordination Division of the Ministry of Finance.

Speaking at the event His Excellency Mr. SAIGO said that education is an investment in human capital and the foundation of a nation's sustainable social and economic development. He added that education can help eradicate poverty and contribute towards nation building and that the assistance intended to support Nepal's poverty reduction efforts through exclusively executing the SSDP.

The Ambassador said that Japan is confident in the strong commitment Nepal has for implementing the SSDP for assuring access to quality education for all children especially in the important transitional period of Federal system and added that proper implementation can enable Nepal to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The SSDP started implementation from 2016 which aims to consolidate gains from previous reform programs and continue crucial reforms needed in the school education sector through Sector Wide Approach modality. In addition to this support, Japan has been assisting Nepal through various programs in education to support Nepal's efforts to attain sustainable socio-economic growth.

Embassy of Japan is confident that the objectives envisaged by the program will be achieved, and contribute towards further strengthening the existing relationship of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Japan and Nepal.

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