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Japan Inaugurates a Children's Home in Nuwakot District

(Nuwakot: March 19): The Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, Mr. Masamichi Saigo, inaugurated a care home in Samundra Devi Khola, Nuwakot District for children in vulnerable conditions, such as unaccompanied street-living and being in extremely poor families.

The Project for the Construction of a Children's Home in Nuwakot District is funded under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of the Government of Japan. The total grant for the project is USD 81,729 (approximately Rs. 8.9 million).

At the care home, unaccompanied children will be secured with basic needs such as food, accommodation and daily care. To run the care home, a local NGO, Smile Nepal, will work with a neighboring community school to bring those children back into the main stream by providing them education and vocational training according to the interests of the children.

Smile Nepal has been working with street children in Kathmandu since 2012 and operated a care home until the earthquake in 2015. The disaster effected the operation of the previous children's home as it was damaged so badly that children had to go back to their village or needed to find somewhere to live by themselves.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this project will contribute to the improvement of the children's environment and ensure safe living conditions for them. We also hope this project further enhances the bilateral friendship between Japan and Nepal.

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