

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Foundation Stone Laying for the Improvement of Water Supply in Pokhara, A Project under Japan's Grant Assistance**

The Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, His Excellency Mr. Masamichi SAIGO, today participated in the foundation stone laying ceremony for the Project for Improvement of Water Supply in Pokhara (Kaski), jointly funded by the Government of Nepal and Government of Japan. Hon. Ms. Bina Magar, Minister for Water Supply, laid the foundation stone. Ms. Yumiko ASAKUMA, the Chief Representative of JICA Nepal Office also attended the ceremony.

The Government of Japan has extended 4.813 billion Japanese Yen (approx NRs.4.834 billion) grant assistance to the Government of Nepal for the implementation of the project under Japan's Official Development Assistance.

Under this Grant Assistance, the Project will construct a sedimentation tank, water treatment plant, reservoirs and overhead tanks along with the rehabilitation and construction of water transmission lines and distribution networks. The project will also take soft components into account, thus ensuring a supply of quality drinking water to the city dwellers of Pokhara. The components of this Project will have the capacity to filter 41 million liters of water per day and are expected to be completed by 2021.

On the occasion, Ambassador Saigo noted that Pokhara is a naturally gifted city with splendid mountains and picturesque lakes. This Project will attract many visitors to the city and will encourage them to stay longer and return there frequently.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this Project will be a symbolic landmark for the socio-economic development of Pokhara and will contribute to further deepen the relationship between Japan and Nepal.

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