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### Japan Hands Over Excavator to Tukche Village

(Kathmandu: 19<sup>th</sup> November): An official of the Embassy of Japan handed over an excavator valued at about NPR 9.3 million to Ward No. 1, Tukche Village, Thasang Rural Municipality, in Mustang District.

At the handover ceremony, Mr. Yoshiki Sando, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, said the Embassy hoped that the excavator would be used effectively for emergencies and temporary counter-measures to control erosion.

Tukche village is located on the banks of the Kali Gandaki River and the people there have to deal with large volumes of water from snowmelt that erodes the river banks. The village is prone to erosion and people have lost their fields and have had to relocate because of the inability to tame flood water.

The Embassy of Japan believes that the project can contribute towards land conservation around Tukche. It also believes that the assistance will contribute towards further strengthening the bilateral relationship between Japan and Nepal.

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