

Japan's Assistance for the Improvement of Water Supply in Pokhara

The Government of Japan has decided to extend grant assistance of up to four billion eight hundred and thirteen million Japanese Yen (¥4,813,000,000), equivalent to about four billion five hundred and twenty-nine million Nepalese Rupees (NRs.4,529,000,000), to the Government of Nepal for the implementation of the Project for the Improvement of Water Supply in Pokhara, under Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) in Japan's Fiscal Year 2016.



Under this Grant Assistance, the Project will construct a sedimentation tank, water treatment plant, reservoirs and overhead tanks. This will include rehabilitation of the existing raw water transmission line, construction of a new clear water transmission line and the necessary distribution system for effective and equitable distribution of drinking water.

Considering the importance of the effective operation and maintenance of the water supply system, the Project will also purchase the necessary equipment, along with soft components, for the successful implementation of the Project, thus, ensuring a supply of quality drinking water to the city dwellers of Pokhara.

A program was organized on 15th February, 2017 at the Ministry of Finance to sign and exchange a set of Notes between His Excellency, Mr. Masashi OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal and Mr. Shanta Raj Subedi, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Nepal, on behalf of their respective Governments. Similarly, a separate Grant Agreement was also signed and exchanged between Mr. Jun SAKUMA, Chief Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Mr. Baikuntha Aryal, Chief of the International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division of the Ministry of Finance.

On this occasion, the Ambassador noted that this Project has been long awaited by the people of Pokhara, not only for their own daily life, but also to provide safe drinking water for the substantial number of tourists who come to Pokhara; ensuring their happy and healthy holidays. The Ambassador expressed his confidence that this Project will be a symbolic landmark for the socio-economic development of Pokhara and will also contribute to further deepening the relationship between the two nations.



Grant Assistance Japanese NGO Projects Scheme

Japanese Assistance for the Project for Community and School Disaster Preparedness and Resilience in Doti District

Signing Ceremony: 6th January, 2017

Amount: USD 299,218 (equivalent to approximately NPR 32,399,325)

The Government of Japan extended financial assistance to World Vision Japan, an international NGO based in Japan. World Vision Japan will work together with World Vision International Nepal and a Nepalese partner NGO, Community Development Center (CDC), to implement the Project for Community and School Disaster Preparedness and Resilience in Doti District.

The main activities of this project are:

Development of a safe school environment (model school development);
Improvement of disaster risk management systems in schools and communities, and
Dissemination of model school efforts and actions.



Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Provision of a Secondhand Fire Engine for Damak Municipality

Signing Ceremony: 31st January, 2017

Amount: USD 15,378 (equivalent to approximately NPR 1,668,000)

The Government of Japan decided to provide a secondhand fire engine from Myozai Fire Department, Japan to Damak Municipality Office in Jhapa. The fire engine will be provided through coordination with the Tokushima-Nepal Friendship Association, under the Project for the Provision of a Secondhand Fire Engine for Damak Municipality. Tokushima-Nepal Friendship Association is a Japanese NGO based in Tokushima, Japan.



Japanese Assistance for the Project for Recovery of Earthquake Affected Communities in Kavrepalanchok District through Improvement of Agriculture and Marketing

Signing Ceremony: 16th February, 2017

Amount: USD 268,641 (equivalent to approximately NPR 28,852,000)

The Government of Japan decided to extend financial assistance to AMDA Multisectoral and Integrated Development Services (AMDA-MINDS) under the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects Scheme. AMDA-MINDS, a NGO based in Japan, will work with Nepalese partner NGO, SAGUN, to implement the Project for the Recovery of Earthquake Affected Communities in Kavrepalanchok District through Improvement of Agriculture and Marketing.



This grant assistance will be used to implement a Project in three VDCs along the Sindhuli Highway of Kavrepalanchok District and aims to ensure reconstruction and improvement of livelihoods through promotion of agriculture among the earthquake - affected communities. This Project is scheduled to last for three years. The major elements of this Project are:

Improvement of skills and knowledge for the production of cash crops;

Support for the construction of irrigation systems, and Capacity development of local agricultural cooperatives and promotion of better marketing systems.

Japanese Assistance for the Project for Strengthening Resilience of Earthquake Affected Schools in Nuwakot and Rasuwa Districts, Nepal

Signing Ceremony: 27th February, 2017

Amount: USD 495,197 (equivalent to approximately NPR 52,482,000)

The Government of Japan is extending financial assistance to Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA) under the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects Scheme. Shanti Volunteer Association, an international NGO based in Japan, will work with a Nepalese partner NGO called, Community and Rural Development Society Nepal (CARDSN), to implement the Project for Strengthening Resilience of Earthquake Affected Schools in Nuwakot and Rasuwa Districts, Nepal.



The main activities of this project are:

Reconstruction of earthquake resilient school buildings;
Practice of psycho-social care for children and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) education;

Development of Disaster Preparedness (DP) Plans at schools, and

Enhancing awareness of school level DRR among communities.

Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Construction of a Girls' Hostel for Triveni Multiple Campus in Dadeldhura District

Signing Ceremony: 9th February, 2017

Amount: USD 81,948 (equivalent to approximately NPR 8,752,000)

The Government of Japan extended financial assistance to the Rural Women's Development and Unity Centre (RUWDUC) under the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects Scheme. RUWDUC, a Nepali NGO in Dadeldhura District, will work with Triveni Multiple Campus to implement the Project for the Construction of a Girls' Hostel for Triveni Multiple Campus in Dadeldhura District.



This grant assistance will be used to implement the Project in Parashuram Municipality in Dadeldhura District and aims to promote female students' education by constructing a hostel near the Triveni Multiple Campus. The hostel, which will be constructed with Japanese funds, will be a two-story building and be able to accommodate 48 female students per year. It is expected that the number of female students will increase and the drop-out rate among girls will decrease.



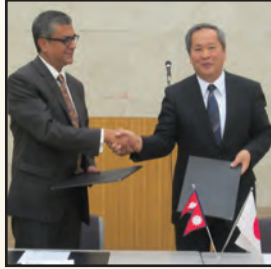
Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme

Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Construction of a Children's Home in Nuwakot District

Signing Ceremony: 3rd March, 2017

Amount: USD 81,729 (equivalent to approximately NPR 8,714,000)

The Government of Japan has decided to extend financial assistance to Smile Nepal under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme of the Government of Japan, in Japan's Fiscal Year 2016. Smile Nepal, a Nepali NGO with its head office in Kathmandu District, will implement the Project for the Construction of a Children's Home in Nuwakot District.



This grant assistance will be used to implement the Project in Samundradevi Kholagaun VDC in Nuwakot District and aims to assist children in difficult situations by providing a safe and educational environment in a children's home.

Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Construction of a Training Center for Women's Cooperatives in Udayapur District

Signing Ceremony: 3rd March, 2017

Amount: USD 80,532 (equivalent to approximately NPR 8,714,000)

The Government of Japan extended financial assistance to the Nepal Social Development and People Empowerment Centre (NESPEC). NESPEC, a local NGO in Udayapur District, will work with the Small Farmer Women Agriculture Cooperative Society, Rampur Thoskila, to implement the Project for the Construction of a Training Center for Women's Cooperatives in Udayapur District.



The Small Farmer Women Agriculture Cooperative Society, established in 2012 in Udayapur, has 600 registered members. Their aim is to support small-scale female farmers by providing loans with minimum interest and renting and selling agricultural tools, fertilizer and seeds.

Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Construction of a Shelter- Community Center in Dhading District

Signing Ceremony: 9th March, 2017

Amount: USD 79,761 (equivalent to approximately NPR 8,504,000)

The Government of Japan extended financial assistance to the Himalaya Conservation Group Nepal (HCG). HCG, a Nepal NGO in Lalitpur District, will work with local authorities and community based organizations to implement the Project for the Construction of a Shelter/Community Center in Dhading District.



This grant assistance will be used to implement a Project in Kalleri VDC of Dhading District and aims to construct a shelter/community center for local residents.

Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Installation of Water Purification System at Dhulikhel Hospital and Ravi Opi Village

Signing Ceremony: 14th March, 2017

Amount: USD 82,800 (equivalent to approximately NPR 8,828,000)

The Government of Japan extended financial assistance to Kathmandu University, to implement the Project for the Installation of Water Purification System at Dhulikhel Hospital and Ravi Opi village.



Kathmandu University, established in 1991 and developed as a leading academic and research institution of Nepal, has been working with its partner, E&T, to assist the improvement of the water quality in Ravi Opi village, situated near Dhulikhel. As a result, it was found that an ozone purification system would eliminate most of the contamination. With this project, the water quality of Dhulikhel Hospital and Ravi Opi village will improve and the patients, medical staffs and residents will be able to access safe water.

Handover Ceremony

An Inauguration and Handover Ceremony in Sakhejung, Ilam District for the Project for the Improvement of a Community Road in Ilam District



An inauguration and handover ceremony was conducted on 21st February, 2017 in Sakhejung, Ilam District with the participation of Mr. Shinya Machida, Deputy Chief of Mission of Japan to Nepal, as well as Mr. Jhala Nath Khanal, former Prime Minister, and Mr. Data Ram Khanal, Chairperson of Clean and Green Nepal.

The Government of Japan has extended financial assistance totaling USD 99,588, equivalent to approximately NPR 9,885,000, to Clean and Green Nepal, a local NGO based in Kathmandu. The support is extended under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme of the Government of Japan for 2014.

The Project is to support the construction of a 2km community road from Banchare Golai on the Mechi Highway, to Pandit Gaun in Sakhejung VDC, Ward No. 4. The aim is to improve the condition of the road by setting up hume pipes for water drainage under the road, constructing retaining walls, and widening the road. Approximately ten thousand local residents of Sakhejung, Shantidanda and nearby villages will benefit in both their daily travels and also in cases when urgent transportation is required.

A Handover Ceremony in Navarajpur for the Project for Construction of a Girls' Hostel at Janata Higher Secondary School in Siraha District

A handover ceremony was conducted on 22nd February, 2017 in Navarajpur, Siraha District with the participation of Mr. Shinya Machida, Deputy Chief of Mission of Japan to Nepal, as well as Ms. Chitra Lekha Yadav, former Minister of Education, and Ms. Amira Dali, General Secretary of Love Green Nepal.

The Government of Japan has extended financial assistance totaling USD 99,468, equivalent to approximately NPR 9,902,039, to Love Green Nepal, a local NGO based in Kathmandu. The support is extended under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme of the Government of Japan for 2014.

The Project is to support the construction of a girls' hostel in Navarajpur, Siraha District, an area where the educational situation for females is challenging. The aim is to improve access to higher education for female students in the area.



Japanese Assistance for the Project for the Construction of a Care Home for Mentally Disabled Children in Kavrepalanchok District

Signing Ceremony: 16th March, 2017

Amount: USD 83,270 (equivalent to approximately NPR 8,879,000)

The Government of Japan has decided to extend financial assistance to Samaj Sewa Samuha under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme of the Government of Japan in Japan's Fiscal Year 2016. Samaj Sewa Samuha, a Nepali NGO in Kavrepalanchok district, will implement the Project for the Construction of a Care Home for Mentally Disabled Children in Kavrepalanchok District.



This grant assistance will be used to implement the project in Kharelthok VDC in Kavrepalanchok district and aim to assist mentally challenged children who need special care at a Care Home.

Parents and supporters of mentally challenged children initiated and built a rehabilitation center in Kharelthok VDC in 2006 in order to provide a healthy and educational environment to those children. Currently, there are twenty mentally disabled children. However, the space is limited and its building is vulnerable to any disasters which may occur in the future.

Samaj Sewa Samuha (SSS), registered in Kavrepalanchok District, carries out various social development projects. SSS has been providing the economic and technical support to the rehabilitation center, including the support for the connection, linkage and collaboration with other supporting individual donors and organizations.

Katsura Sunshine's Rakugo Performance



On 26th, 27th and 28th January, the Embassy of Japan organized Rakugo performances by Katsura Sunshine in Kathmandu. Rakugo is a 400 years-old Japanese tradition of comic storytelling. A minimalistic performance art, Rakugo features a lone storyteller dressed in a kimono, kneeling on a cushion, using only a fan and a hand towel for props. Canadian national Katsura Sunshine is the first-ever Western Rakugo storyteller in the history of the “Kamigata” Rakugo tradition, which is based in Osaka, Japan.

Katsura Sunshine was born in Toronto, Canada, where he studied classics at the University of Toronto. In 1999, Sunshine went to Japan to pursue studies in Noh and Kabuki Theatre. Then in 2008, he was accepted as an apprentice to the great Rakugo storytelling master, Katsura Sanshi, and subsequently received the name Katsura Sunshine. In the Rakugo tradition, he received both his master's last name and part of the first. His master Sanshi, combined the first part of his name, “san” meaning “three”, with the Japanese words for “shine”, and gave it the Japanese pronunciation of the English word “Sunshine”.

On 26th January there was a performance at Bhanubhakta Higher Secondary School, where 135 students enjoyed the Rakugo. On the 27th and 28th January at the Embassy Hall, around 230 attendees, including Ambassadors and representatives from diplomatic missions in Nepal,



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Japan Film Festival in Kathmandu and Pokhara

The Embassy of Japan, in cooperation with the Japanese Language Teachers' Association Nepal (JALTAN), organized a two-day Japanese Film Festival in Pokhara on 3rd and 4th February and in Kathmandu on 10th and 11th February.

The film festival was dedicated to showcase the finest Japanese films that have been recognized for excellence by Japanese as well as international audiences. Japanese films are often paced differently, with significant messages delivered through unspoken hi context communication. The films covered popular genres such as historical and contemporary dramas, animation, comedies, etc. The festival attracted almost 650 people for four screenings in Pokhara and 1,500 people for five screenings in Kathmandu. The film festival was indeed a great success.





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Japanese Famous Animation

Inuyasha in Nepal

Airing on NTV National Channel

from 28 February, 2017 (Every Saturday at 16:25)

Inuyasha

“A journey of self-discovery and unexpected emotions!”

INUYASHA is a time-travel fantasy adventure based on a hit comic book series. Kagome discovers that she can travel back and forth between the present and the Sengoku Period. As she is drawn to another time, she is also drawn into a quest with the half-demon Inuyasha, who is searching for a powerful, sacred stone.

Announcement: Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship for 2018

The Embassy of Japan announces the competition for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships for Nepalese students for the academic year 2018 in the fields of Natural Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Program	Qualifications
1. Research Student	Must be under 35 years of age (as of April 1, '18) and have completed at least 16 years of education (15 years is also accepted if the undergraduate course is designed for only 3 years) and secured 70% marks for Natural Sciences and 60% for Humanities and Social Sciences in average in all levels of exams.
2. Undergraduate Student and Training 3. Specialized Training College Student	Must have been born between April 2, 1996 and April 1, 2001 and have secured 75% marks for Natural Sciences and 65% for Humanities and Social Sciences in average in SLC and Plus 2 exams. Deserving students waiting the results for Class XII exams are also eligible to apply.

*Written Examinations will be held on July 22, 2017

The field of study must be the same as the applicants' previous study leading to their final graduation. Applicants need to attest copies of certificates and mark-sheet along with the application. Application forms are available at http://www.np.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html

The Embassy will accept completed applications in person at the following times only:

1.	Research Students	May 29 – June 2	09:30 – 12:30
2.	Undergraduate Students	July 10 – 14	09:30 – 12:30
3.	Specialized Training College Students	July 10 – 14	14:30 – 16:30

There may be minor changes in schedule and guidelines.

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