



## Press Release

### **Nepal and Japan Sign Grant Agreement for the implementation of ‘Project for the Improvement of Dhulikhel Hospital Trauma and Emergency Center’**

The Government of Nepal and the Government of Japan today signed agreement for utilizing the grant assistance of JPY 3,296 million (approximately NPR 2.95 billion) for the implementation of the ‘Project for the Improvement of Dhulikhel Hospital Trauma and Emergency Center’.

The Exchange of Notes regarding the assistance was signed by Dr. Krishna Hari Pushkar, Secretary, Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Government of Nepal (GON) and His Excellency Mr. KIKUTA Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal on behalf of the Government of Japan (GOJ). Similarly, the Grant Agreement was signed by Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal, Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance and Mr. OKUBO Akimitsu, Chief Representative of JICA Nepal Office on behalf of GON and JICA respectively.

The project aims to strengthen medical services for the rapidly growing number of trauma and emergency patients in Nepal by constructing a trauma and emergency center including emergency rooms, operating rooms, an ICU, and outpatient consultation rooms and providing medical equipment such as MRI, CT, C-arm, and X-ray machines, high steam sterilizers, etc. at Dhulikhel Hospital. The total project implementation period is 48 months and the proposed assistance will be mobilized through the Ministry of Health and Population as a conditional grant.

*“I would like to thank the Government of Japan for its continuous support in the Health Sector strengthening of Nepal. This project will be instrumental in catering emergency services specially to the patients of Dhulikhel and nearby places,”* said Finance Secretary, Dr. Krishna Hari Pushkar.

*“I hope that the project will contribute to ensuring the healthy lives and promoting the welfare of Nepali people, thereby promoting the self-sustaining development of Nepal. I am confident that the objectives of the project will be achieved, thereby further strengthening the existing cordial relationship of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Japan and Nepal,”* stated H.E. Mr. KIKUTA Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal.

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