

**Ambassador of Japan Handed Over Ophthalmic Equipment for Patients  
with Economic Difficulty to Ishwar Charitable Trust in U.P.**

The inauguration ceremony for “Project for Supply of Retinal Surgical Equipment for the patients with economic difficulty in Uttar Pradesh” under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP), was held on 22nd December 2014, in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Under this project, ophthalmic equipment for curing underprivileged patients was handed over from the Government of Japan to Ishwar Charitable Trust.

The ceremony was attended by Honourable Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture and Civil Aviation (Independent Charge)), Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India, Dr. Sushil Choudhry, President, Ishwar Charitable Trust, and H. E. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan to India.

The amount for this project is totaling US\$82,031, to donate advanced ophthalmic apparatus including retinal surgical equipment to ICARE Eye Hospital, which is run by Ishwar Charitable Trust in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, in order to extend quality ophthalmic treatment to the underprivileged population of the society.

Ishwar Charitable Trust, established in 1983 as a non-profit organization, has been catering free ophthalmic examination and surgery to yearly 140,000 people living in rural areas in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana, as well as urban slums in Delhi. The Government of Japan decided to provide Ishwar Charitable Trust with advanced ophthalmic apparatus including retinal surgical equipment, to address the growing needs of the quality and accessible treatment for

economically disadvantaged patients suffering from the ocular ailment such as cataract and retinal detachment.

The Government of Japan hopes that the advanced ophthalmic equipment provided through this grant assistance project as a token of friendship and goodwill from the people of Japan will contribute to the improvement of ophthalmic care for underprivileged residents in India.



(Tape cutting Ceremony (Left to Right; Mr. Kant, Ambassador Yagi, Minister Sharma and Dr. Choudhry), )



Demonstration of the Slit Lamp handed-over