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Press Release

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Emergency Grant Aid for Flood Disaster in North India

- 1. In light of the flood damage caused in North India, the Government of Japan decided on November 7th to extend emergency grant aid of 100 thousand US dollars (approx. 11.5 million yen) through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), in order to assist those affected by the disaster in areas such as water, sanitation, shelters and food distribution.
- 2. Heavy rainfall due to intermittent monsoon caused large-scale flood damage in North India in early September. 315 people have died and approximately 1.2 million people have been affected by the disaster in North India. Immediate provision of assistance is necessary, as many of those affected are still forced to take shelter in refugee camps in a poor environment, with midwinter approaching, and there is an increasing risk of the spread of epidemic due to the deterioration of hygienic environment.
- 3. The Government of Japan decided to extend emergency grant aid as humanitarian assistance to those affected by the disaster, based on "the Special Strategic Global Partnership" with India, and in view of the fact that India extended generous assistance to Japan in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake.
- 4. In addition, Japan also decided to extend the same kind of emergency grant aid to Pakistan people affected by the same flood.