

Remarks by Ambassador Suzuki

at the signing ceremony of Grant Contracts for Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP), in the
Ambassador's residence at Embassy of Japan, 9th March, 2020

1) **Jivodaya Hospital**

Sr. Susanth. S.D, President, Jivodaya Hospital,

Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to sign today the Grant Contract documents for **“The Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment for Maternal and Child Health Care for the Underprivileged, Ashok Vihar, Delhi”**, under Japan's scheme of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP).

Our two countries are partners aspiring for a stable and prosperous world. Our strong bonds are rooted in the friendship between our people. That is why we attach a lot of importance to supporting grass-roots projects.

Under this project, Jivodaya Hospital will purchase 10 new gynecological medical equipment for the underprivileged in Ashok Vihar, Delhi. We understand that the local community appreciates the Sisters' contributions since its establishment in 1980, by running the hospital, and by providing quality maternal and child health service at an affordable cost.

I am glad that this project, which we signed today, enables many more expectant and nursing mothers in the project area to receive proper treatment under a better medical environment.

Finally, let me reiterate that the betterment of quality maternal and child health service for the underprivileged will contribute to the all-round improvement of living standards of the people in India. I sincerely hope that this grant will bear fruits as a shining symbol of the friendly relationship and cooperation between Japan and India.

Thank you very much.

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2) Kalyanam Karoti

Mr. Kumar Sharma Sunil, General Secretary, Kalyanam Karoti,
Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to sign today the Grant Contract documents for **“The Project for Provision of Eye Medical Equipment for the Underprivileged in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh”**, under Japan’s scheme of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP).

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Since its establishment in 1981, Kalyanam Karoti has been working on comprehensive eye medical services for the underprivileged people. Their activities have been highly appreciated by the local community. Now, Kalyanam Karoti is

driving efforts to update the medical environment at the hospital in order to provide quick and quality treatment for the patients. Under this project, Kalyanam Karoti will purchase 5 eye medical equipment.

This project, which we have just signed today, will ensure early detection and proper treatment to the rural poor around Mathura, and prevent the patients from getting blind. I am pleased that Japan is a part of this project, helping in alleviating the problem confronting the poor patients in present-day society in India.

Finally, let me reiterate that the expansion of opportunities of better medical environment for the patients will contribute to the all-round improvement of living standards of the people in India. I sincerely hope that this grant will further strengthen the friendly relationship and cooperation between Japan and India.

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3) Ishwar Charitable Trust

Mr. Sushil Choudhry, Managing Trustee, Ishwar Charitable Trust,
Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to sign today the Grant Contract documents for **“The Project for Provision of Eye Medical Equipment for the Rural Underprivileged People, Noida, Uttar Pradesh”**, under Japan’s scheme of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP).

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Since its establishment in 1993, Ishwar Charitable Trust has been working as one of the biggest eye-treatment organizations in Noida, running the hospital and providing regular eye check-ups and treatments for free or at affordable cost. I have heard

that the current equipment at the hospital has become very old and is not able to function efficiently because of its decreased accuracy. It is the urgent need of the hospital to purchase new equipment to reach out to the increasing number of patients. Under this project, Ishwar Charitable Trust will purchase new two eye medical equipment.

This project, which we have just signed today, will ensure early detection and proper treatment to the underprivileged people in Noida, and prevent the patients from getting blind. I am sure that, the patients who recover their eyesight with treatment will gain confidence and dignity, and contribute to the society through socio-economic activities.

Finally, let me reiterate that the expansion of better medical environment for the patients will lead to an all-round improvement in living standards of the people in India. I sincerely hope that this grant will further strengthen the friendly relationship and cooperation between Japan and India.

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