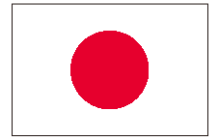


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**From
the People of Japan**

Japan Funds Education and Health Projects

H.E. Junzo Fujita, Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, will sign three contracts today, at the Embassy of Japan, for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), totalling over 727 million Uganda shillings (US\$284,427) with the representatives of the recipient organizations, working in the fields of education and health.

In the education sector, Ongongoja Secondary School in Katakwi District will receive US\$ 103,068 for the construction of a science laboratory block and the procurement of furniture and science equipment. Ongongoja Secondary School, founded in 2007, is located in Ongongoja Sub-County, Katakwi District, and has 17 teachers and 284 students. Since College has only one small science laboratory, many students taking science lessons have to stand. In addition, the school's existing science laboratory has lack of facilities, not meeting the safety standard of the Ministry of Education. Therefore, this project will construct a new science laboratory block which has three rooms for chemistry, biology and physics, and procure furniture and science equipment, which will greatly improve students' learning environment.

Dzaipi Secondary School in Adjumani District will receive US\$ 101,605 for the construction of a science laboratory block and the procurement of furniture. Dzaipi Secondary School is a government aided school located in Adjumani District, Northern Uganda and is home to 278 boy students and 82 girl students from S1 to S6 and 22 teachers. The school currently uses S6 classroom as a science laboratory, which hardly meets the government's safety standard. Furthermore, the actual space that can be used for practices is only 30m² because one third of the room is currently used as the store of science equipment, which forces many students to do their science practices outside. Therefore, this project will construct a science laboratory block which has three rooms for chemistry, biology and physics, and also procure furniture in order to improve students' learning environment.

Ntungamo Health Centre in Ntungamo District will receive US\$ 79,754 for the construction of a general inpatient ward and a latrine block and the procurement of medical equipment. Ntungamo Health Centre has only a maternity ward and a small clinic for outpatients. Other patients than mothers and babies also need to be admitted in the maternity ward when the case is urgent. This exposes the mothers and new born babies to a high risk of being infected. Therefore, this project will construct a general inpatient ward to provide better medical services to 50 patients monthly who need to be admitted to the health centre. In addition, the project will construct a latrine block to provide 24,000 patients who visit the health centre annually with a proper sanitation environment.

The GGP is a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community-based development projects. Since 1992, the Government of Japan has supported 195 projects so far in Uganda as of 2015.

Japan, steadily promoting ownership of and partnership with African countries through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process, is committed to achieving Uganda's quality growth, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and consolidation of peace and good governance.

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The grant contract signing ceremony will take place at the Conference Room (2nd Floor), Embassy of Japan, Kyadondo Road, Nakasero, Kampara, starting at 3:00pm, on 9th March 2015. Your media house is kindly invited to cover this function.

If you would like further information on the beneficiaries and other project details, we would be happy to provide further information. Thank you.

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