

Japan Press Release

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the People of Japan**

Japan Funds Education and Health Projects

H.E. Junzo Fujita, Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, will sign two contracts today, at the Embassy of Japan, for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), totalling over 458 million Uganda shillings (US\$182,211) with the representatives of the recipient organizations, working in the fields of education and health.

In the education sector, Bishop Comboni College Kambuga in Kanungu District will receive US\$ 98,810 for the construction of a science laboratory block and the procurement of furniture and science equipment. Bishop Comboni College, founded in 1982, is located in Kambuga Sub-County, Kanungu District, and has 46 teachers and 712 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 four rooms for chemistry, biology, physics and agriculture and procure furniture and science equipment, which will greatly improve students' learning environment.

In the health sector, Adumi Health Centre IV in Arua District will receive US\$ 83,401 for the construction of an infectious disease clinic and a latrine block and the procurement of furniture. Adumi Health Centre IV is located in Adumi Sub-County, Arua District, Northern Uganda. The health centre is the leading medical facility in Adumi Sub-County and receives patients from other health centres. Although in 2011/2012, the health centre received 90 HIV/AIDS patients, the number dramatically rose up to 360 in 2012/2013. Under the circumstances, the health centre treats 40 patients a day in a very small consultation room. Therefore, this project will construct an infectious disease clinic to provide 350 HIV patients with better medical services. In addition, the project will construct a latrine block to provide 30,000 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 192 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 10:00am, on 24th February 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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