

## Japan Press Release

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## From the People of Japan

## Japan Supports Health in Gulu District

The Embassy of Japan is slated to handover medical equipment to St. Mary's Hospital Lacor in Gulu District on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. "The Project for the Procurement of Medical Equipment at St. Mary's Hospital Lacor in Gulu District" with a grant amount of USD 99,500 is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community development projects to uplift the life of people at the grassroots. The grant was used for the procurement and installation of medical equipment to facilitate surgical medical procedures and ultra sound scans.

The Head of Economic Cooperation, Mr. Kitamura Yoshinori will officiate in the commissioning of the project to the beneficiaries.

St. Mary's Hospital Lacor Hospital, receives and provides medical services to more than 210,000 thousand patients including those critically ill patients. Lacor Hospital has been facing a challenge of chronic shortage of medical equipment, especially anesthetic machines and ultrasound scans. The available well-used anaesthetic machines have often broken down and its repair sometimes led to delay and postponement of operations.

As a response to this challenge, the Embassy of Japan therefore procured two anaesthetic machines and one ultrasound scan in order to enhance service delivery capability of Lacor Hospital for patients

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community development projects to uplift the life of people at the grassroots. So far, a total of 259 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.

Japan, steadily promoting Africa's ownership and the International community's partnership through Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process, is committed to assist African countries in boosting economic growth, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and consolidating peace and good governance in Africa.

## Commissioning Ceremony of

1. "The Project for the Procurement of Medical Equipment at St. Mary's Hospital Lacor in Gulu District."

Date and time: Wednesday 18 November 2020, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Place: St. Mary's Hospital Lacor Hospital.

Your media house is kindly invited to cover these functions.

Please find details of the project attached.

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