

Press Release

The Government of Japan has agreed to extend a grant assistance of Japanese Yen 100 million (equivalent to NRs 1006.2 million) to the Government of Nepal for the Project of Basic Education Improvement in Support of the School Sector Reform Program (SSRP) in Nepal. An agreement to this effect was signed and exchanged in Kathmandu, today.

The SSRP (2009-2015) of the Government of Nepal is a seven year strategic program. It is funded jointly by the Government and nine pooling development partners (DPs) and other non-pooling partners. Japan is a non pooling partner. The SSRP aims at enabling all children to complete a high quality school education up to grade 12 by focusing on strategic interventions and new reform initiatives to improve access, efficiency, effectiveness and institutional development of the educational system.

The Project of Basic Education Improvement aims at supporting School Sector Reform Program in Nepal by improving learning environment and expanding access to basic education through procuring construction materials for school physical facilities and furniture as well as technical assistance for improvement of school management to maximize the effect of school construction. The Ministry of Education is the executing agency and the Department of Education is the implementing agency of this project.

Mr. Krishna Hari Baskota, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and His Excellency Mr. Kunio Takahashi, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal and Mr. Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki, Chief Representative of JICA signed the agreements on behalf of the Government of Nepal, the Government of Japan and JICA, respectively.

The government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan for the assistance and also for its continued support in the overall socioeconomic development of Nepal.

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