

Press Release

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide a grant assistance of Japanese Yen 4.997 billion (equivalent NRs 5.5965 billion) to the Government of Nepal as an additional support for the implementation of the Project for Construction of Sindhuli Road Section III and the Project for Countermeasure Construction against the Landslides on Sindhuli Road Section II. This sum comes with JPY 4.096 billion for construction and JPY 0.901 billion for the Countermeasure Construction against the Landslides.

Both agreements to this effect was signed and exchanged in Kathmandu, today.

Ministry of Physical Planning Works and Transport Management is the executing agency of project. This grant will be mobilized to construct the remaining road segment under Section III and reconstruction of landslide effected parts of this project.

It may be recalled that Banepa-Sindhuli Road is being constructed with the main objective to develop an alternative link road to mid and eastern Terai with capital city. Also this will reduce travel distance/time of the traffic between Kathmandu valley and eastern Terai and thus substantially saving passenger and goods transportation cost. Simultaneously, this will stimulate the economic and social activities in hill area of Kavre, Ramechhap and Sindhuli district as an ultimate impact.

This road project was conceived as early as 1960 A.D. and some earthen track was constructed manually. As per request of the Government of Nepal, the Government of Japan completed feasibility study in 1988 and construction of the road has been continuing since November 1996 with the financial support of the Government of Japan. The Government of Japan has already provided up to JPY 20.777 billion (equivalent to approximately NPR 23 billion) to the project.

The entire road has been divided into four sections namely, Section I Bardibas-Sindhuli (37km), Section II: Sindhuli Bazar-Khurkot (Bara) (36 km), Section III: Khurkot (Bara) -Nepalthok (37 Km), Section IV: Nepalthok-Dhulikhel (50Km). Section I, Section II and Section IV have been completed and first phase of Section III is almost completed. Remaining 23 KM in second phase is planned to complete within March 2015.

Mr. Krishna Hari Baskota, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and His Excellency Mr. Kunio Takahashi, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal signed the Exchange of Notes and Mr. Lal Shanker Ghimire, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Mr. Satoshi Fujii, Senior Representative of JICA signed the General agreement on behalf of the Government of Nepal and the Government of the Japan and JICA, respectively.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan for its continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

Ministry of Finance, Kathmandu

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