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JAPAN PROVIDES USD 400,000 FOR 4 NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASSROOTS PROJECTS (GAGP)

Kabul, Afghanistan 11 March 2015: The Embassy of Japan in Afghanistan organized the signing ceremony of four development projects today. In the ceremony which was held at the Embassy of Japan in Kabul, Mr. Kenichi Masamoto, Charge d'affaires ad interim of Japan to Afghanistan, signed the grant contracts with representatives of three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for four new development projects with a total amount of USD 400,000 under Japan's assistance scheme "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GAGP)". The ceremony was witnessed by among others, representatives of the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development.

The newly approved projects will benefit almost 8,670 people in the provinces of Panjshir, Parwan and Laghman. These Projects will protect more than 10,000 acres of land from the threats of flood water.

Agriculture is the base for the development of Afghanistan and proper construction of retaining walls and intakes will help farmers to have enough amount of water for the cultivation of their lands, which will result in good harvest and will improve the economy status of farmers. It has to be mentioned that Last year flood water washed acres of land in Laghman, Parwan, Panjshir and some other provinces of Afghanistan where farmers suffer a lot.

To date 931 projects have been signed under the GAGP scheme in Afghanistan since 1999, including 4 projects signed today, to the total amount of US\$ 112,151,593, covering all the 34 provinces, in important sectors such as health, education, infrastructure, agriculture, vocational training, demining and rural development. These projects directly respond to their needs at the grassroots level and support the civil society.

Japan has been assisting Afghanistan's nation-building efforts in various area including security, education, health, culture, humanitarian assistance, agriculture, infrastructure and its capacity development. Cumulative Japanese assistance to Afghanistan since 2001 amounts USD 5.78 billion.

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