



JAPANESE GRASSROOTS GRANT ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTED TO PROVIDING ENDOSCOPES AT ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL IN ADDIS ABABA

An inauguration ceremony for 'The Project for Providing Gastrointestinal Related Medical Equipment at St Paul's Hospital in Addis Ababa' was held on 5 July 2017, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Shinichi Saida, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia and Mr. Jun Higuchi, Managing Director of FUJIFILM Middle East FZE, a Japanese private company.

Total USD 85,213 was provided by Japan's Grant-in-Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), and endoscopes from FUJIFILM were provided through the GGP.

The contributions will benefit the doctors and patients at St Paul's hospital, supporting medical training using the endoscopes for doctors by FUJIFILM, and providing endoscopic examinations for patients, especially in rural areas by mobile telemedicine.

In his congratulatory message, H.E. Mr. Shinichi Saida, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia said that "doctors and patients, who lacked the benefits of training and examination due to limited equipment, will gain access to them, and it will serve as a good example of support under the cooperation between the Japanese Government and the Japanese private company".

He also introduced FUJIFILM's contributions in Ethiopia, stating that FUJIFILM has so far provided several sessions of medical training on endoscopes, mammographies, and emphasized that the Japanese Government will continue to contribute to solving medical issues through the support of ODA and Japanese private companies.

The GGP scheme was first introduced in 1989. In Ethiopia, since 1997, over 400 projects, for a total amount of approximately USD 30 million, have been implemented through this scheme in such sectors as education, water supply, health services, and other basic human needs.

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