



Press Release

Japan provides 572 million Yen grant to Nepal for Human Resource Development(JDS) Project

The Government of Japan has provided grant assistance of 572 million Japanese Yen (approximately 537 million Nepalese Rupees) for the Japanese fiscal year 2025 to implement the Human Resource Development Project.

A signing ceremony was held today at the Ministry of Finance, where the Exchange of Notes and Grant Agreement were signed between the two governments. On behalf of the Government of Nepal, Mr. Ghanshyam Upadhyaya, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and on behalf of the Government of Japan, His Excellency Mr. Toru Maeda, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, signed the Exchange of Notes. Similarly, Mr. Dhaniram Sharma, Chief of the International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division and Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Finance and Mr. Mizuki Matsuzaki, Chief Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Nepal, signed the Grant Agreement.

The Japanese Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Program is an educational initiative supported by the Government of Japan since 2015 and has been implemented in phases. According to the grant agreement signed today, the funds will be used to cover university tuition, living cost, travel allowances, insurance and educational materials for 20 students pursuing master's degrees and 2 students pursuing doctoral degrees.

So far, 142 Nepalese civil servants (140 master's degree holders and 2 PhDs) have completed their studies under this scholarship program at prestigious Japanese academic institutions. Currently, 40 master's and 5 PhD students are studying in Japan under this program.

During the signing ceremony, Finance Secretary Upadhyaya highlighted that this scholarship program has significantly contributed to enhancing the capacity of Nepal's civil service employees and will continue to do so in the future. He stated that the knowledge and skills gained by the employees during their studies in Japan will help improve public service delivery and contribute to Nepal's socio-economic development. He also expressed hope that JDS returnees would further strengthen Nepal-Japan bilateral relations.

Ambassador Toru Maeda expressed his belief that the employees who have completed their studies under the JDS program will play a crucial role in Nepal's development and further deepen the long-standing friendly relations between the two countries.

The Government of Nepal extended heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Government of Japan for its continuous and generous support in Nepal's socio-economic and human resource development.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Embassy of Japan in Kathmandu and JICA Nepal as well as JDS OC members were present in the signing ceremony.

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Ministry of Finance, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu.