

HANDOVER OF PATAN SECONDARY SCHOOL AFTER COMPLETION OF RECONSTRUCTION.



Then Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. KP Sharma Oli handing over the certification of appreciation to JICA Nepal Chief Representative Ms. Yumiko Asakuma.

The newly reconstructed buildings of Patan Secondary School, the second oldest school in Nepal was handed over to the school management committee on April 19, 2021.

The school infrastructures were jointly inaugurated by Rt. Honorable Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. KP Sharma Oli, Mr. Krishna Gopal Shrestha, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Mr. Sushil Gyewali, Chief Executive Officer of National Reconstruction Authority (NRA), and Ms. Yumiko Asakuma, Chief Representative of JICA Nepal.

The school was severely damaged by 2015 Gorkha earthquake, then the reconstruction of the facilities started in December 2018 under the

Emergency School Reconstruction Project (ESRP) supported by JICA, which is one of the implementations of building resilient Nepal.

The school facilities in the project were reconstructed with multi-hazard resilient structures based on the concept of Build Back Better (BBB) which



Newly reconstructed School Building.

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increases resilience not only physically but also socially.

The reconstructed buildings were also designed to be a “complete school” which provides all the necessary facilities for the education to the students. In the new school, there are classrooms with furniture for Early Childhood Development (ECD) to

grade 12, science laboratories (separate for physics, biology and chemistry), library, computer laboratory, separate toilets for girls and boys with water supply, handwashing facilities and retrofitted conference hall.

Emergency School Reconstruction Project (ESRP): Total 236 schools are being built and reconstruction of 38

additional schools started in January 2021 at a total cost of JPY 14 billion (about NPR 12.7billion) to support the reconstruction of disaster resilient schools in Gorkha, Dhading, Nuwakot, Makwanpur, Rasuwa and Lalitpur Districts, based on the earthquake-resistant type design guidelines formulated by JICA under the principle of “BBB”.

JICA'S PARTNER NGO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES THE PHASE 2 OF "MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT FOR SAFE AND SECURE DELIVERY IN POKHARA".

May 2021, four years of Maternal and Child Health Project for Safe and Secure Delivery in Pokhara (Phase 2) was successfully completed. The project had been conducted during June, 2017 to May, 2021 under JICA Partnership Program (JPP) by Komagane City and Citizen's Association for Nepal Exchange.

In this second phase, Japanese experts and Nepali staff had worked together to increase the awareness on mother and child health to pregnant women and their families, especially socially marginalized families. Thanks to their rigorous efforts, numbers of hospital delivery and antenatal care are increased successfully. Especially, Miteri Shishu Hospital, where this project is based in northern Pokhara, provides breast massage for newly became mothers. This breast massage skill is introduced by Japanese expert, and now well trained Nepali nurses are offering breast massage along with warm hospitality to new mothers.

This project, originally started from Miteri (“friendship” in English) and now became uniquely successful.



JICA SUPPORTS INCLUSIVE SANITARY ENVIRONMENT IN POKHARA THROUGH THE MASTER PLAN STUDY FOR THE WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT



JICA and Government of Nepal signed an agreement dated 21 April to commence the masterplan study for the waste water management in Pokhara metropolitan city.

Despite being the second largest city and tourist hub of the country, Pokhara lacks the proper waste water management system and practice.

The Master Plan will come up with the longer, medium and short term plans to be implemented by the metropolis for improving the overall citywide inclusive sanitary environment. The Project will also contribute to the achievement of SDGs Goals 6; Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

A GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR THE PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN ADVANCED PUBLIC HOSPITALS

JICA Nepal signed Grant Agreement On April 26,2021 for the procurement of medical equipment to 8 advanced public hospitals in Nepal. Government of Japan extended Grant Assistance of JPY996 million for the project.

The project aims to strengthen the diagnosis and treatment systems for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) through procurement of medical equipment for 8 advanced public hospitals, thereby contributing to improvement of the quality of medical services in Nepal. Procurement and installation of equipment, consulting services, renovation works and maintenance services will be the main scope of the project.

JICA's cooperation in health sector continuously aims to contribute to strengthen diagnostic and treatment capacity of hospitals since last over forty years in Nepal. Supporting for the construction of Tribhuvan University



Teaching Hospital (TUTH) in 1982 and reconstruction of Bir Hospital and Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital after the devastating earthquake in 2015 are some notable milestones of JICA cooperation in the health sector in Nepal.

LET'S USE THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC CENSUS DATA FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ECONOMIC MAP OF NEPAL!!

Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) with the technical support from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) conducted the first ever "National Economic Census 2018" in Nepal.

It gives economic related basic statistics on number of establishments, persons engaged and other business characteristics of federal, provincial, district, municipality and ward level.

These data are essential and useful for making planning policies and investment strategies by government

agencies, private sector, research institutions, academia and all.

The data is classified under Nepal Standard Industrial Classification (NSIC), a description of 21 broad economic activities.

The five – years Technical Cooperation project named "Capacity development for implementing economic census 2018 of Nepal" was implemented from 6 March 2016 and completed on 5 March 2021.

Recently, CBS used the National Economic Census data for re-basing

the National Accounts statistics, which ultimately revised the GDP and economic growth rate of Nepal.

To get detail economic map of Nepal, please visit the CBS website as below.

<https://cbs.gov.np/economic-census/>

Lastly, JICA would like to thank the Government of Nepal, CBS officials, JICA experts and consultants, business establishments who provided valuable data for the census operation, enumerators who collected these data, media, local leaders for their coordination for the successful implementation of the project.

JICA'S NEW TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT IN HYDRO POWER SECTOR FOR SUSTAINABLE AND STABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SECTOR IN NEPAL.

The new Technical Cooperation Project, "The project for the Integrated Power System Development Plan of Nepal" was agreed between JICA and the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation. The project will contribute to the achievement of SDGs 7 "Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all".

The project aims to develop the capacity of the policy and organizational entities necessary for smooth and sustainable export the electricity generated by domestic hydro power

to Neighboring countries. The project will also harmonize the existing Transmission Master Plan and other plans (i.e Distribution and Generation) based on the prospective project for domestic/international market targeted to the year 2040.

The project will serve as a catalyst for incentivizing private sector and FDI by analyzing the demand and supply forecast at different economic growth rate and probable demand at the neighboring market for effective investment.

COMPLETION OF THE REHABILITATION OF SINDHULI ROAD PROJECT SUPPORTED BY JICA, LEADING TO FULL OPERATION OF THE PORTIONS DAMAGED BY THE 2015 NEPAL EARTHQUAKE .



A virtual inauguration ceremony for the completed Project was held on 28 January 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Honorable Minister of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MoPIT) Mr. Basant Kumar Nembang, and attended by the officials of the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MOPIT), Department of Roads (DoR), JICA Nepal Office, the consultant Nippon Koei and the contractor Hazama Ando.

Rehabilitation of the Sindhuli road will facilitate smooth traffic flow, which will not only result in having a reliable link between Kathmandu and the Eastern

Terai but also cater the need of the public by creating better mobility, easier accessibility to health facilities and education, better economic socio-cultural activities. Furthermore, one of the major outcome of the rehabilitation project is the transfer of advanced and effective technology to the Nepalese Counterparts and Engineers, mainly for the slope stabilization of the mountainous roads.

The Sindhuli Road is one of the most important roads in Nepal that links Kathmandu City, the capital of the country, with Eastern Terai Plain. The construction of the Sindhuli Road, with a total length of 160 km, started with the Japanese grant aid in 1996 and was completed in March 2015.

IMEN PROJECT : AN ACTIVITY IN THE COVID-19 CONTEXT

The Project for Improving the Quality of School Education in Nepal (Improving Mathematics Education in Nepal, IMEN) has been implemented in Nepal since November 2018 with technical assistance from the Government of Japan up to January 2024. The IMEN project has been closely working with Curriculum Development Center (CDC) and Center for Education and Human Resource Development (CEHRD) at the central level, and Education Development and Coordination Units (EDCUs) and Local Governments (LGs) in 4 pilot districts, which are Mahottari, Bhaktpur, Tanahun and Jumla, at the local level. The IMEN project aims to improve the mathematics proficiency of students in grade 1-3, through:

- (i). Developing students' learning materials and teacher's guides for grade 1-3 mathematics,
- (ii). Developing the professional capacity of teachers in teaching grade 1-3 mathematics, and
- (iii). Supporting LGs to improve the quality of education in school.

Under the third component, the IMEN project and CEHRD have had discussions and agreed to make use of the opportunity of Head Teacher (HT)

Leadership Capacity Development Training that has been implemented by CEHRD for years, and started developing a 5-day HT training program in the pilot areas that aims to disseminate the ideas that directly and indirectly stimulate teachers, parents and local community to support students' academic development.

With this background, the IMEN project conducted Training of Trainers (TOT) from 2-6 May 2021. Originally the training was designed to conduct onsite; however, it was conducted through online due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Nepal. A total of 16 participants including not only Technical Officers from 4 Education Training Centres (ETCs) as the trainers of HT training, but also Section Officers from 4 EDCUs, Education Officers from 4 pilot LGs and 4 IMEN District Project Officers (DPOs) participated in TOT for the smooth implementation of the HT training that would follow.

The TOT program included a wide range of contents, such as: discussion on issues about student's academic development; overview of School Improvement Plan (SIP) and its

implementation in model schools; a variety of activities targeting at students, teachers and parents; and in-depth study and discussion on school-based teacher professional development. All the participants took active part in the discussion, groupwork and presentation. Some participants expressed their views that the online training was found more interactive than other usual onsite training.

The program was successfully carried out through a close collaboration between the IMEN project and CEHRD: it was inaugurated by Deputy Director General of CEHRD with appreciation to the IMEN activities; all the sessions were solely facilitated by the Educational Management Training Section of CEHRD; and Mr. Baikuntha Prasad Aryal, Director General of CEHRD, concluded the program with special appreciation to the continuous support from JICA, and directions to the participants for the effective delivery of the HT training in 4 pilot LGs focusing on the improvement of academic performance of students

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