

Press Release

The Government of Japan through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has agreed to provide a grant assistance of Japanese Yen 989 Million equivalent to NRs 907 million to the Government of Nepal for the implementation of the Tribhuvan International Airport Modernization Project. The Exchange of Note regarding the implementation of the project was signed between the Government of Nepal and Government of Japan, and the Grant Agreement to this effect was signed between the Government of Nepal and Japan International Cooperation Agency. The signing ceremony took place at the Ministry of Finance, Kathmandu today.

Since the frequent problem has been encountered in the existing RADAR Surveillance and Communication Systems at Tribhuvan International Airport due to the aging of equipments and non availability of spare parts, this assistance will be used for the replacement and enhancement of the existing surveillance system with the appropriate new surveillance technology.

The main objective of this project is to enhance the flight safety and airport capacity of Tribhuvan International Airport by improving reliability, efficiency and coverage of existing Radar Surveillance System. The project incorporates (i) expansion of the current TIA surveillance Coverage by installing Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar System (MSSR) at Bhattedanda, Lalitpur (ii) replacement of Existing Radar Data Processing and Display System installed at TIA and (iii) radar simulation for Air Traffic services .

After the completion of this project, it is expected that there will be safe, reliable and efficient air traffic management in the country. It is also expected that the project will help to manage efficiency of the rapidly growing air traffic in the country. Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal will be the implementing agency and implementation period of this program will be FY 2013-2014.

The Exchange of Notes of this agreement was signed by Mr. Shanta Raj Subedi, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and H.E. Mr. kunio TAKAHASHI, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal on Behalf of their respective Governments.

Likewise, The Grant agreement was signed by Mr. Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Tsutomu Shimizu, Chief Representative, JICA Nepal Office on behalf of the Government of Nepal and Japan International Cooperation Agency, respectively.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan and JICA for this grant assistance and also for their continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

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