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### **Signing Ceremony for Four Grant Assistance Projects under Japan's ODA scheme**

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Ambassador V. Namgyel of Bhutan to Japan and Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu of Japan to Bhutan signed one Exchange of Notes (E/N) under the Japanese Grant Aid and three Grant Contracts (G/Cs) under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), on 19 December 2017, at the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi.

The Exchange of Notes for the Grant Aid, 'The Project for the Construction of Disaster-Resilient Emergency Mobile Network' amounting to around 979 million Yen, will fund to construct backup system of Mobile Network in Bumthang with coverage for the whole country.

Under the Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), the following projects were signed:

1. 'The Project for Reconstruction of Irrigation Channels in Jamkhar Gewog, Trashiyangtse' amounting to around 8.3 million Yen, will fund in the reconstruction of the old irrigation channel.
2. 'The Project for Construction of Common Facility Center for Traditional Handmade Paper Making in Trashiyangtse' amounting to around 8.2 million Yen, will fund the construction of a craft centre to display products for sale and to conduct a facility tour of paper making process as well as to provide a secure work environment for the staff.
3. 'The Project for Construction of Satellite Clinic in Changjiji, Thimphu' amounting to around 8.1 million Yen, will fund the construction of a new clinic in place of the existing one in order to upgrade and provide

wider range of medical services such as immunization and child birth and health counseling.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Ambassador Namgyel conveyed the appreciation of the Royal Government of Bhutan to the Government of Japan for its generous support and assistance to Bhutan's socio-economic development. Ambassador Namgyel also conveyed the deep appreciation of the Royal Government and people of Bhutan to the Government and people of Japan for their continued assistance and friendship.

With the signing of the Exchange of Notes for the Grant Aid in New Delhi, the Grant Aid agreement will now be signed between Secretary, Gross National Happiness Commission and Chief Representative, JICA Bhutan Office in Thimphu.

**Royal Bhutanese Embassy, New Delhi**  
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