

<Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) in FY 2017>

The Project for the Installation of Medical Equipment for Treatment of Eye Diseases in Rural Underserved Areas of 9 Districts in Telangana

The inauguration was held on 19th December 2018 in Secunderabad, Tamil Nadu

Project Name: The Project for the Installation of Medical Equipment for Treatment of Eye Diseases in Rural Underserved Areas of 9 Districts in Telangana

Recipient Organization: Pushpagiri Vitreo Retina Institute

Grant Amount: US\$85,200

Ms. Hiroko Taniguchi, Deputy Consul General of Japan in Chennai, inaugurated the Project for the Installation of Medical Equipment for Treatment of Eye Diseases in Rural Underserved Areas of 9 Districts in Telangana on 19th December 2018. The Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai signed the grant contract with Pushpagiri Vitreo Retina Institute for the amount of US\$85,200 on 5th February 2018. The ceremony was attended by about 50 people including staff of the organization, students and beneficiaries.

Pushpagiri Vitreo Retina Institute was established in 2007 to fulfill the eye care needs of underserved communities by providing affordable and high quality eye health service. Under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Project (GGP), the Organization installed medical equipment including Oculus Biom Wide Angle Observation System, Lens Star and Slit Lamp, which allow more complicated and advanced surgical operations. A vehicle, also funded by the GGP scheme, is expected to improve the access to eye care by providing transportation for medical teams and patients in remote areas where the lack of public transports has been hindering treatment of curable ailments. It is anticipated that the Project will be a great contributor to reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment in marginalized areas of Telanaga, through early detection and early stage treatment.

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Ms. Hiroko Taniguchi, Deputy Consul General, inaugurates the ceremony



Medical equipment and a vehicle supported by the GGP grant



About 50 beneficiaries celebrate the inauguration