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**PRESS RELEASE**

In place of M. FUKADA, Ambassador of Japan, who can't take part in the ceremony because of his schedule, Mr. Takuya SEI, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan to the Republic of The Gambia signed on behalf of the Government of Japan, in Banjul, on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2012, two Grant Contracts within the framework of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects known as GGP.

In the first agreement, the Government of Japan extends to the Banjul City Council a grant amounting at sixty-six thousands one hundred and eight euros (€ 66.108) dedicated to the purchase of a high power motor pump. This support aims at contributing to secure the populations, activities and infrastructures (hospitals, schools, etc) in Banjul City to avoid damages induced by floods due to heavy rains recorded during the past years.

The second Contract allocates to The Foundation for Rural Education, Wildlife and Environment a grant amounting at fifty-two thousands nine hundreds fifty-two Euros (€ 52.952) equivalent to two million one hundred and nineteen thousands seven hundred and fifty Dalasis dedicated to the Projet for construction of skills training center for women in BANJULUNDING.

This project consist in building a vocational training centre dedicated to women's capacity building through literacy, business training and vocational programs so as to enhance women's participation in economic activities.

It is expected that the implementation of these projects will contribute to the improvement of the Gambia and will further strengthen the friendship between Gambian and Japanese Peoples.

There occurred a big earthquake and Tsunami in Japan. Japanese people are retrieving the devastated area with the support of international community. Japan expresses thanks for that support and renews the determination to maintain its contribution to the peace and the development of the world.