## EMBASSY OF JAPAN

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## **Press Release**

## <u>Opening Ceremony of The Project for Establishment of Medical Welfare Center in</u> <u>Dmanisi District within the Framework of</u> <u>"Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects"</u> <u>provided by the Government of Japan</u>

At 12:00 p.m., on October 31, 2013, the Opening Ceremony will be held in Dmanisi City concerning The Project for Establishment of Medical Center in Dmanisi District, which has been implemented within the framework of "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects" of the Government of Japan. The Ceremony will be attended by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Georgia Mr. Toshio Kaitani, representatives of local authority and members of related organization.

The Grant Contract of the above-mentioned project was concluded on February 7, 2013 between the Embassy of Japan and International Organization "A Call to Serve (ACTS) Georgia". The aim of this project is to improve basic health care provision to the Dmanisi region residents. It is expected that from this project, 35,000 local residents in Dmanisi district will gain opportunity to receive emergency services, and also local women will receive maternal health education. The budget scale of this project is 122,998 USD.

The "Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects" (GGP) provides assistance to relatively small projects implemented by medical institutions, as well as NGOs and aims at improving the living standards of Georgian people. It applies to projects in the field of public health, education, social protection, environment and poverty reduction. Since 1998, one hundred thirty GGP projects have been financed in Georgia totaling 12,161,961 USD. The size of Japan's Official Development Assistance to Georgia has reached over 362 million USD, covering a wide spectrum of areas such as improvement of economic infrastructure, agricultural and social sectors, culture and human resource development.





## **Opening Ceremony**





