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Press Release

<u>Opening Ceremony of The Project for Establishment of the Center for Farmers'</u> <u>Cooperative in Ambrolauri District within the Framework of</u> <u>"Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects"</u> <u>provided by the Government of Japan</u>

At 11:00 a.m., on September 11, 2013, the Opening Ceremony will be held in Ambrolauri City of Ambrolauri District concerning the Project for Establishment of the Center for Farmers' Cooperative in Ambrolauri 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 Mr. Toshio Kaitani -Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan to Georgia, representatives of local authority and members of related organization.

The Grant Contract of the above-mentioned project was concluded on February 07, 2013 between the Embassy of Japan and local NGO "Abkhazintercont". The aim of this project is to improve agricultural environment in Ambrolauri district by establishing Farmers' Cooperative Centre. This center will provide local farmers with access to trainings, information, veterinary services, equipment and supplies that are currently not available in the region. The budget scale of this project is 108,281 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.



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