

Press Release

The Government of Japan Provides a Grant of Rs. 1075 Million for Establishment of Solar Power Plant in Hambantota

The Government of Japan has provided a grant of Japanese Yen 860 million (approximately Rupees 1075 million) for establishment of a 400 kW grid connected solar power generation plant at Baruthankanda, Hambantota.

This grant is extended by the Government of Japan with a view to support the efforts taken by the Government of Sri Lanka to address the issues on climate change and to access the clean energy.

At present, electricity generation in Sri Lanka is heavily depending on the crude oil. Therefore, development of renewable energy sources is now at a very important stage. However, only the hydropower is used as renewable energy sources for the electricity generation in Sri Lanka. Further, most of the hydropower sources are already in use for electricity generation and possibility of implementation of new hydropower generation projects is minimal. Therefore, development of renewable energy sources using solar power is very vital.

The establishment of this power plant can be described as an attempt to change the perception of developers, lending agencies and equity investors on the performance, environmental impact and sustainability of commercial scale solar power generation by demonstration. This will be the first commercial scale solar based power generation project in Sri Lanka.

The project will be implemented by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority under the supervision of the Ministry of Power & Energy.

The signing of Exchange of Letters pertaining to the above grant took place today, at the Ministry of Finance and Planning. His Excellency Kunio Takahashi, Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka signed the Exchange of Letters on behalf of the Government of Japan while Dr. P B Jayasundera, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning signed on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka. Mr. J.H.J. Jayamaha, Director General, Department of External Resources and Mr. M. Taga, Counsellor, Economic Cooperation, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka also participated at this occasion.

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