

Handover Ceremony of Medical Equipment to the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry
of Turkmenistan under the Grant Project "Enhancing the Healthcare System of
Turkmenistan through the Provision of Medical Equipment".

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Today, on December 20, 2021 a solemn handover ceremony of the first batch of medical equipment of the Japanese company "FUJIFILM", which was acquired under the Grant project entitled "Enhancing the Healthcare System of Turkmenistan through the Provision of Medical Equipment", took place. The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Turkmenistan, H.E. Mr. YAMAMOTO Hiroyuki, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in Turkmenistan, UNICEF Representative, H.E. Mr. Mohammad FAYAZI, Project manager of the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Turkmenistan, Mr. Vasyl TOLKACHOV, representatives of the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan as well as media took part in this ceremony.

Today's event is the result of intensive work that began in March of this year, when the Signing Ceremony of the Exchange of Notes was held between H.E. Mr. YAMAMOTO Hiroyuki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Turkmenistan, and Ms. Christine Weigand, former UN Resident Coordinator a.i. and UNICEF Representative in Turkmenistan. The Ambassador Mr. YAMAMOTO in his speech expressed the hope that this project will not only strengthen the health care system of Turkmenistan, but will also become a symbol of friendship, solidarity, and mutual support between the Japanese and Turkmen peoples.

In the framework of this project, with a total budget of about US \$3 million, the Japanese government, through UNOPS, provides Turkmen medical institutions with portable X-ray machines, ICU ventilators, advanced ultrasound machines, bronchoscopy systems and so on. The next stage of this project will be the delivery and handover of the second batch of foreign-made medical equipment, its further installation in medical institutions of Turkmenistan, as well as professional training of medical personnel.