

PREFACE

In response to a request from the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Government of Japan decided to conduct a basic design study on the Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment for Maternity Hospitals and entrusted the study to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

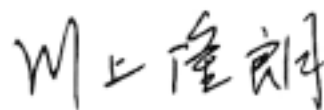
JICA sent to Kyrgyz a study team from January 15th to February 11th, 2002.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of Kyrgyz, and conducted a field study at the study area. After the team returned to Japan, further studies were made. Then, a mission was sent to Kyrgyz in order to discuss a draft basic design, and as this result, the present report was finalized.

I hope that this report will contribute to the promotion of the project and to the enhancement of friendly relations between our two countries.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officials concerned of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic for their close cooperation extended to the teams.

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Takao Kawakami
President
Japan International Cooperation Agency

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Letter of Transmittal

We are pleased to submit to you the basic design study report on the Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment for Maternity Hospitals in the Kyrgyz Republic.

This study was conducted by the joint venture between Nihon Healthcare Consultants, Inc. and Nihon Sekkei, Inc., under a contract to JICA, during the period from December 17th, 2001 to September 24th, 2002. In conducting the study, we have examined the feasibility and rationale of the project with due consideration to the present situation of Kyrgyz and formulated the most appropriate basic design for the project under Japan's grant aid scheme.

Finally, we hope that this report will contribute to further promotion of the project.

Very truly yours,

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The Project for Improvement of Medical
Equipment for Maternity Hospitals

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