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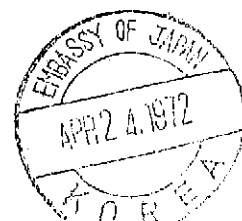
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Japan and has the honour to request a special assistance from the Government of Japan for the establishment of the National Cancer Center in Seoul, Korea.

The decision of the Korean Government to establish the National Cancer Center was made in recognition of the urgent need for the control of cancer and to improve medical facilities for the treatment of cancer among the Korean people.

During the period of the First and Second Five-Year Economic Development Plans, the Korean Government has made continued efforts to expand public health services, but the expansion of research facilities for an early diagnosis of cancer has made little progress due to the requirements of huge budgetary finance and medical manpower.

The plan of the Korean Government to establish the National Cancer Center in Seoul estimates the amount of necessary funds at U.S. \$5,776,841.00, of which \$3,585,881.00 will be allocated to finance introduction of medical equipment and the rest will be filled by domestic fund for the construction and mechanic-electrical work of the center. The proposed plan for the National Cancer Center is attached to this note.



In this regard, the Ministry has further the honour to invite the attention of the Japanese Government to the fact that the Korean Government plans to obtain a foreign contribution of \$3,585,881.00 for the introduction of medical equipment.

Accordingly, the Ministry would be most grateful if the Embassy could be kind enough to take appropriate measures to materialize the said special assistance from the Japanese Government for the successful implementation of this project and inform the Ministry of the latter's view on this matter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Japan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure: Supporting application for the cancer center building construction 5 copies

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