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KYOCERA Donates Solar Power Generating Systems to Nepal to Support Earthquake Reconstruction

Solar energy utilized for medical facilities as part of United Nations' reconstruction efforts

Kyoto, Japan / Neuss, Germany 24 February 2016 – Kyocera Corporation (President: Goro Yamaguchi) announced today that it has donated five portable solar power generating systems through the [United Nations Development Programme](#) (herein “UNDP”) to support reconstruction efforts in regions of Nepal devastated by the earthquake in April 2015. Kyocera delivered three systems to Gorkha District and two systems to Sindhupalchowk District last week, areas which were severely affected by the earthquake and aftershocks.

In June 2015, the Kyocera Group provided a monetary donation for relief aid and reconstruction to the people and communities affected by the earthquake in Nepal. However, the disaster-stricken region is still in the midst of reconstruction and the UNDP is rebuilding temporary facilities as well as restoring infrastructure and lifelines such as electricity and water supply. In support of the UNDP's efforts, Kyocera offered solar power generating systems for use at Gorkha District Hospital and a rehabilitation facility supported by the International Organization of Migration in Sindhupalchowk District.

“The private sector often has innovative and applicable solutions and in this case, UNDP is excited to partner with Kyocera, an electronics leader in Japan,” said Renaud Meyer, UNDP Country Director in Nepal.

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“These portable solar-powered systems will hasten the recovery of Nepal’s public sector and help in restoring critical local public services.”

“Kyocera is honored to work with the UNDP and hope that the donated systems, by operating as reliable independent energy sources, will contribute to improving medical facilities and help the people in the community to regain their livelihoods as quickly as possible,” said Toshihide Koyano, executive officer and general manager of the Corporate Solar Energy Group at Kyocera Corporation.

With a comprehensive program of three years, the UNDP’s earthquake recovery program is focusing on three main areas of work: revitalizing livelihoods and economic recovery of communities, restoring local governance systems and public service delivery, and helping to build a disaster resilient Nepal under the leadership of the Government. According to the UNDP, sustainable energy solutions have long-term applications towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in environmental and disaster risk management.

Kyocera started research into solar energy in 1975 soon after the first global oil crisis. Shortly after, in the early 1980s, the company began providing solar power systems to regions without electricity including Pakistan and China. In the hope of helping to improve educational infrastructure, Kyocera donated solar power generating systems to four elementary schools and a child welfare facility in Cambodia between 2007 and 2008, followed by similar donations to a total of 41 schools in Nepal, Uganda and Tanzania from 2009 to 2014.

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Kyocera will continually work toward the betterment of people's lives and the conservation of the environment through utilization of solar energy.

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About KYOCERA

Kyocera Corporation (NYSE:KYO)(TOKYO:6971) (<http://global.kyocera.com/>), the parent and global headquarters of the Kyocera Group, was founded in 1959 as a producer of fine ceramics (also known as "advanced ceramics"). By combining these engineered materials with metals and integrating them with other technologies, Kyocera has become a leading supplier of solar power generating systems, mobile phones, printers, copiers, electronic components, semiconductor packages, cutting tools and industrial ceramics. During the year ended March 31, 2015, the company's net sales totaled 1.53 trillion yen (approx. USD12.7 billion). Kyocera appears on the latest listing of the "Top 100 Global Innovators" by Thomson Reuters, and is ranked #552 on Forbes magazine's 2015 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

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