

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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DEAR SIR,

Work on the construction of a leprosarium in Agra, 124 miles south of New Delhi, will start on 14th December with funds raised by public donations in Japan. Negotiations between the Indian Government and the Asia Society for Combating Leprosy have already been concluded for the implementation of this project.

A nationwide movement is now under way in Japan to gather the necessary funds for the erection of the leprosarium.

The site, in the suburbs of Agra—famous as the location of the Taj Mahal—is ideal, surrounded by forests. The best of Japanese architects will design and build the leprosarium, part of which is scheduled to be completed next spring. Mr. Nehru is expected to attend the ground breaking ceremony on 14th December.

When the leprosarium is totally complete, Japan will send doctors and nurses to staff it. Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda stated that, when he visited India in 1961, Mr. Nehru told him he would like to have a leprosarium built in India by Japan.

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