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**Signing of Grant Contract under the Japanese Grassroots Grant Assistance for Human Security Project to LAMB Hospital, Dinajpur**

On Tuesday, March 29, 2005, His Excellency Mr. Matsushiro Horiguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh signed a Grant Contract amounting to US\$ 90,638 (approximately Taka 53 lakh 47 thousand) with Dr. Mark Pietroni, Executive Director of the World Mission Prayer League (LAMB Hospital).

**World Mission Prayer League (LAMB Hospital)** receives this grant for the Improvement of Human Resource Development Center project in Parbatipur, Dinajpur. The objective of this project is to expand the hospital's capacity to provide health care training. LAMB Hospital has been providing more than 2,700 trainings for the past three years. It has been facing difficulties to respond to increasing demand for trainings because of space limitation, however.

Utilizing the Japanese grant, LAMB Hospital will build a new human development center to provide training on primary health care, skilled birth attendants, basic clinical care, emergency obstetric care, laboratory skills, medical emergencies etc. It is expected that the new center will provide trainings for more than 3500 trainees for the initial three years, and thereby, increase quality of health care services for fifteen million people in eleven districts.

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His Excellency Mr. Matsushiro Horiguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh is exchanging the Grant Contract with Dr. Mark Pietroni, Executive Director of the World Mission Prayer League (LAMB Hospital) regarding US\$ 90,638 (approximately Taka 53 lakh) under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the project for the Improvement of Human Resource Development Center in Dinajpur.