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Japan Supports Good Governance of Bangladesh

The Government of Japan provides capacity building assistance for the young officials of the Government of Bangladesh through its Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme.

A grant of approximately 14.2 Crore Taka (180million Japanese Yen) for the project was recently approved by the Government of Japan and the Signing Ceremony was held on June 27, 2013 at NEC-2 Conference Room of the Economic Relations Division, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka.

"Human Resource Development will create the basic but the most fundamental grounds for Bangladesh's Development," said His Excellency Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh on the occasion of the signing of the Exchange of Notes. "I am glad to extend this programme again this year."

"JICA expects the Bangladeshi participants to this program to play leading roles for better governance of Bangladesh", said Dr. Takao Toda, Chief Representative, JICA Bangladesh when he signed the Grant Agreement with ERD Secretary. Dr. Toda also said "Committed bureaucrats are the key for clean and reliable administration, in which people put confidence."

The JDS programme was established by the Government of Japan in 2001. Its objective is to support the respective Government in its efforts to facilitate its own plans for human resource development mainly for capacity building and institutional building, and thereby extending and enhancing the bilateral relationship with Japan.

"This Programme is really beneficial for this country," said Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, as he signed the documents. "I hope Japanese cooperation will continue for a long time."

“Up until now, 213 JDS fellows were sent to Japan from Bangladesh, and 181 JDS fellows have returned to Bangladesh,” said Mr. Akio Okamura, Senior Representative JICA Bangladesh Office. “They are working and contributing as senior officials to the development of Bangladesh.”

The Government of Japan has been providing academic opportunities for the Bangladeshi Government officers to study in various fields such as Public Administrations, Economics, Environment Policy and International Relations at higher educational institutions in Japan. After completion of their studies, the participants are expected to play leading roles in the development of Bangladesh, making policy for poverty reduction and strengthening friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries.



Photo Caption: H.E. Mr. Shiro Sadoshima (2nd from Right), Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Dr. Takao Toda (1st from Right), Chief Representative of JICA, and Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad (3rd from Right), Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance and Mr. Mohammad Shafiqul Azam, Additional Secretary (2nd from left), Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance were present in the signing ceremony of Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS).

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