



Press Release

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Japanese drama "Eksho Bosta Chal" will be staged in Jessore and Kushtia.

In commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diplomatic Relations between Bangladesh and Japan, the Embassy of Japan will present a stage drama "Eksho Bosta Chal" in collaboration with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Jessore and Kushtia. It will be performed at Jessore Shilpakara Academy on November 7-8, and at Kushtia Shipakala Academy on November 9-10.

"Eksho Bosta Chal" is staged in the late 19th century, during the height of the Meiji Restoration, when Japan was taking her first major step to transform itself into a modernized society. It is a story about one aged samurai, Torajiro Kobayashi, who preached the priority of education over hunger, patience over temporary relief, and importance of developing human resources in building a strong national foundation. The thrilling dialogue between Torajiro and vexed young samurais, who insist, at sword's point, the desperate need of sufficing today's hunger, is breathtaking, while brilliantly capturing the essence of samurai spirits as well as the Japanese philosophy deeply embedded in it. It is strongly hoped that, through this drama, the importance of education as well as the depth and beauty of the Japanese culture and values will be brought close to the residents of Jessore and Kushtia.

"Eksho Bosta Chal" won a prestigious Uchimura Award in 2008, and was accorded "16th One Hundred Sacks of Rice Award" by Nagaoka City, where the story is originated, on 28th February this year.

The drama, which is originally written in Japanese by Yuzo Yamamoto, is adapted into Bangla by Prof. Abdus Selim, and directed by Golam Sarwar.

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