



Press Release

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Japan Extends Modern Audio-Visual Equipment to
Bangladesh National Museum

The hand over ceremony of the modern audio-visual equipment to Bangladesh National Museum was held on June 23, 2010 at the Bangladesh National Museum, Shahabag. H.E. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, handed over the equipment worth Tk 5 crore 2 lakh to the authority of Bangladesh National Museum.

Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Honorable Minister, Ministry for Information and Ministry for Cultural Affairs, was present as the Chief Guest, while Advocate Promode Mankin, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, graced the event as the Special Guest.

Japanese Ambassador, mentioning the importance of cultural preservation, said that the audio-visual equipment would enhance capacity and the ability of Bangladesh National Museum to maintain important information of Bangladeshi heritage for future generations.

The devices have been provided under the cultural grant aid of the Government of Japan, titled "Improvement of the Audio-visual equipment of Bangladesh National Museum". The audio-visual package includes modern video shooting & editing system, projection system, sound system and lighting system.

The cultural grant aid, which is one type of grant aid in Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), lends support to developing countries in their efforts to promote cultural activities, thereby helping achieve economic development. Japan's objectives in extending cultural grant aid are to assist in the improvement of equipment in cultural and higher educational facilities; support the preservation of the recipient country's indigenous traditional culture and heritage, as well as artistic and research activities.

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