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Japan Supports Marium Eye Hospital in Kurigram

By the funding of **Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP)**, “The project for Improvement of Service in Marium Eye Hospital” by local NGO Quasem foundation at Ulipur, Kurigram was inaugurated on 13th January 2012.

Quasem Foundation received the grant amounting to Tk 69 lakh (USD 96232) for this project, in which Quasem Foundation procured necessary equipments and improved it's facility. Through this hospital approximately 1 lac people will be directly benefited every year. This hospital will provide them with facilities like examination and treatment of general eye disease, quality of major and minor eye surgery, reduction of blindness through cataract surgery and modern Intra Ocular lens, sight / Vision testing program for schools, correction of reflective error and providing appropriate spectacle etc. It is expected that this hospital will greatly contribute to improve eye treatment of the people in the area.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Mr. Shahinur Alam, Upazilla Nirbahi Officer, Ulipur; Dr Ajay Kumar Roy, Thana Health and Family Planning Officer, Ulipur Health Complex; Dr. Ripon Sharker, Consultant Eye Kurigram Sadar Hospital and Mr. Masayuki Taga, counsellor of Embassy of Japan.

While expressing his heartfelt congratulations to Quasem Foundation, Mr. Masayuki Taga hoped that this project would greatly contribute towards the betterment of the eye care service of the poor people in rural areas of Kurigram and therefore this will help the overall health care service improvement in Bangladesh.

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The Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) began its operation in 1989 and has been contributing to social development at the grassroots level. In Bangladesh, a total number of 162 projects have already received the grant amounting to US\$ 12 million (Approximately Taka 87.6 Crore).



In the Photo, Mr. Masayuki Taga, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, attended the opening ceremony of the “The project for Improvement of Service in Marium Eye Hospital”.

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