



# Press Release

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## **18 CRORE TAKA GRANT EXTENDED FOR JAPAN**

### **DEVELOPMENT SCHOLERSHIP.**

On June 26, 2011, the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh signed "Exchange of Note" of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme for next year amounting to 195 million Yen (approximately Taka 18 crore). His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan and Mr. M. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, signed the exchange of notes on behalf of their respective governments.

JDS programme was established by the Government of Japan in 2001. The objective of this program 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 extend and enhance the bilateral relationship with Japan. In the last ten years, 183 JDS fellows were sent from Bangladesh to Japan, and 147 JDS fellows have returned to Bangladesh after the completion of their master degrees and contributed to the development of Bangladesh. The Government of Japan has been providing academic opportunities for the Bangladeshi Government officers to study various fields such as Public Administration, Economics, Environment Policy and International Relations in higher Japanese academic institutions. It aims that after completion of their studies, they will play leading roles in the development of Bangladesh, policy making in poverty reduction and strengthening friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries.

By today's agreement, 15 JDS 10th Batch fellows will be dispatched from Bangladesh to Japan in August, 2011. In addition, the new recruitment and selection for JDS 11th Batch fellows will also start from August, 2011.

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On June 26, 2011, His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, and Mr. M. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, are signing the Notes regarding Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme amounting to 195 million Yen (approximately Taka 18 crore).

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