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Japan Supports Waste Management, Vocational Training Center, Community

Radio and School in rural areas of Bangladesh

The government of Japan has decided to provide grant assistance for seven projects under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) totaling US\$ 628,390 (approximately Tk 5 Crore) in Bangladesh. Today there was a signing ceremony in Embassy of Japan, representatives of four recipients out of seven namely PRISM Bangladesh, Young Power in social Action (YPSA), Environment Council Bangladesh, SHED Board, attended the ceremony. H. E. Mr. Shiro Sadoshima and they have signed the contract. Other three recipients already signed the contract on 14th March.

“The Project for Installation of Equipments for Medical Waste Management in Dhaka City”

Under GGHSP, PRISM Bangladesh will procure covered vehicles for medical waste transportation (3 tons capacity and 1.5 tons capacity) and autoclave (Sterilization Unit). They received US\$ 102,385 to increase the capacity of the collection and treatment of medical waste to provide service to the non participating health care establishment and will help in medical waste management of about three hundred hospitals. It is expected that this will help in medical waste management of 320 hospitals. PRISM Bangladesh was established in 1989, to foster urban and rural family enterprises for increased production and income and also to offer impoverished urban and rural families a realistic alternative to further degradation of environment.

“The Project for Construction of the Youth Training Center”

Under GGHSP, Young Power in social Action (YPSA) will construct 2 storied vocational training center building and will procure equipments and furniture. YPSA received US\$ 74,705 to establish an affordable and accessible training

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centre for the local people, which will increase skilled manpower for employment. This training center will provide training to the local people which will increase skilled manpower for employment. This center will provide need based training, career development programs and research work to enrich learning and skills of individual, group and organizational performance. It is expected that YPSA will provide vocation training to 1007 persons per year. YPSA was established in 1985 and has been working for conducting training for beneficiaries and also providing different training programs to its development partner organizations.

“The Project for Installation of Equipments for Community Radio Broadcasting in Munshiganj”

Under GGHSP, Environment Council Bangladesh will procure equipments to start broadcasting of community radio. They have received grant US\$ 63,414. It will promote programs on socio-economic development issues, such as agriculture, education, gender issue, primary health care, environment and climate, child and mother care services, family planning etc. It is expected that around 12 Lac people in Munshiganj and nearby area will be able to listen the radio programs. EC Bangladesh was established in 1991 to protect environment of the country and to empower people to meet their basic needs for a sound and sustainable future.

“The Project for Construction of the School for Visually Impaired Girls”

Under GGHSP, SHED Board will construct one stories building for the visually impaired girls. They received US\$ 102,057 for construction of school for visually impaired girls. Main objective of Baptist Mission Integrated School (BMIS) is to provide educational services, accommodation facilities and various kind of training to the visually impaired girls. It is expected that this building will provide accommodation for 40 girls and computer training of 60 girls (per batch) and orientation of 250 families (Per batch). BMIS is a project of SHED Board/ BBCS was established in 1976 to provide educational opportunities to the girls with visual difficulties in Bangladesh.

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, this year seven projects received grant. So total number of 169 projects have received the grant amounting to US\$ 13,214,385 million (Approximately Taka 90.3 Crore).

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His Excellency Mr. Shiro Shadoshima, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh is seen with representatives of PRISM Bangladesh, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), Environment Council Bangladesh and Baptist Mission Integrated School during the signing ceremony at the Embassy of Japan, Dhaka.

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