

## Press Release

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## Japan Supports "Resource Center" in Lalmonirhat for the disable and poor

## women

On 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, Mr. Hiroto Sobajima, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh attended an opening ceremony of the "Resource center for the disable and poor women in Lalmonirhat". The center was built by Local NGO Natun Zibon Rochi (NAZIR), under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP).

NAZIR received the grant amounting Tk 60 lakh (USD 87, 563) for this project. In this project, NAZIR built a two-storied resource center for the disabilities and poor women. Through this Resource Center, 1,200 disables will able to take high quality physiotherapy every year. In addition, NAZIR will able to provide various trainings like farm work, poultry, tailoring, and button making for 10,350 disables and poor women in a year. It is expected that this resource center will greatly contribute to improve social and economic condition of the communities in the area through supporting sustainable social practice of self–help development.

While expressing his heartiest congratulations to NAZIR, Mr. Hiroto Sobajima hoped that this project would greatly contribute towards the betterment of health and economic condition of the deprived people of Lalmonirhat and therefore accelerate the overall socio-economic development of 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, a total number of 162 projects have already received the grant amounting to US\$ 12 million (Approximately Taka 87.6 Crore).

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In the Photo, Mr. Hiroto Sobajima, Second Secretary., Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh attending the opening ceremony of the "Resource Center for the disable and poor women in Lalmonirhat"

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