



# Press Release

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## ***JDS fellows have established Alumni Association***

Japan Development Scholarship (JDS) fellows have formed Alumni Association on January, 2010. 10 JDS alumni members called on the Japanese Ambassador H. E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka at the Chancery on 26th January, 2010 President Mr. Md. Mosta Gausul Hoque, Vice President Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain Masud of the JDS Alumni Association and representatives from all the JDS batches represented the committee.

During the occasion, the executive committee submitted its constitution to the Ambassador. Major objectives of the constitution are: promoting friendly and mutual understanding among the JDS fellows, strengthening and farming the bondage of co-operation, providing orientation and counseling, promoting awareness among Bangladeshi students, promoting scientific studies, arranging picnic, sport tournament, facilitating cultural activities, publishing JDS directory with list of research topics of the JDS fellows, introducing JDS website and publishing quarterly JDS bulletin in the website. The aim of this association is to act as a non-profit organization and to unveil the potentials of JDS fellows.

In his remark, the Japanese Ambassador H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka said *“It is my great pleasure to see the successful formation of the JDS Alumni Association. I sincerely congratulate all the members of the association and express my commitment through today’s historical event to continue to work closely together with you towards executing the mission and the future plan of the association. Let us continue to work together for the enhancement of economic and social development of this country. I would like to avail the opportunity to serve the lofty objectives of this association”*.

The formal title of Japan Development Scholarship is “The Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)”. JDS program is offered in 12 countries throughout the world including Bangladesh. JDS was established by the Government of Bangladesh with the Japanese Government assistance in 2001. In the last eight years, a total of 167 JDS fellows were

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dispatched to Japan and over 127 fellows returned to Bangladesh with their accomplishments and ambitions to contribute to this country. JDS program aims at spreading the knowledge among its participants and building human networks at Japanese universities and thereby using such knowledge to take an active role in practically solving problems concerning the social and economic development issues of Bangladesh.

**10 JDS Alumni members are seen with the Japanese Ambassador  
H. E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka as they called on him on January 26, 2010  
at the Chancery in Dhaka**

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