

## **Press Release**

## June 13, 2010

## 17 CRORE TAKA GRANT EXTENDED FOR JAPAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLERSHIP.

On June 13, 2010, the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh singed "Exchange of Note" of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme for next year amounting to 231 million Yen (approximately Taka 17 crore). His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan and Mr. M. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, singed the exchange of notes on behalf of their respective governments. At the same time, the "Grant Agreement" was also singed today by Mr. M. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, and Dr. Takao Toda, Chief Representative, JICA Bangladesh Office, Dhaka.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh will start recruiting candidates for 9<sup>th</sup> JDS in July this year. Total 15 persons will be selected to study in Japan for two years from August 2010.

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 seven years, 167 JDS fellows were sent form Bangladesh to Japan, and 127 JDS fellows have returned to Bangladesh, contributing to the development of Bangladesh. The Government of Japan has been providing academic opportunities for the Bangladeshi Government of Japan has been providing academic opportunities for the Bangladeshi Government officers to study various fields such as Public Administrations, Economics, Environment Policy and Public 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.

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On June 13, 2010, His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, and Mr. M. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, are singing the Notes regarding Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme amounting to 231 million Yen (approximately Taka 17 crore). At a same time, the Grant Agreement was also singed by Mr. M. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, Dr. Takao TODA, Chief Representative, JICA Bangladesh Office. Other officials of Embassy of Japan and ERD are also seen in the picture.

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