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## Eleven New Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and One Senior Volunteer have Arrived

On September 28, eleven new Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) and one Senior Volunteer (SV) arrived in Bangladesh in order to extend cooperation in different sectors such as, rural community development, civil engineering, infection control, primary school education, medical instruments, physical education, computer technology and handicrafts. They will work in public organizations of Bangladesh or NGOs for the next two years.

Since March 1973, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has dispatched JOCVs to Bangladesh in various fields such as agriculture and rural development, forestry and fisheries, processing, maintenance and management, civil engineering and construction, health and hygiene, education, culture and sports.

Since 1973, 1065 JOCVs and 11 SVs have arrived in Bangladesh. As many as 75 volunteers are currently engaged in various activities throughout Bangladesh, all of them fluent in Bengali language.

The new JOCV members called on Ambassador of Japan H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka on September 29 at the Embassy of Japan. Ambassador Shinotsuka observed: "I wish you to fully demonstrate your talents and skills for the benefit of the people of Bangladesh".

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Ambassador of Japan H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka with the New Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers