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## **Japan Supports NGO “NAZIR” for its Resource Center in Lalmonirhat**

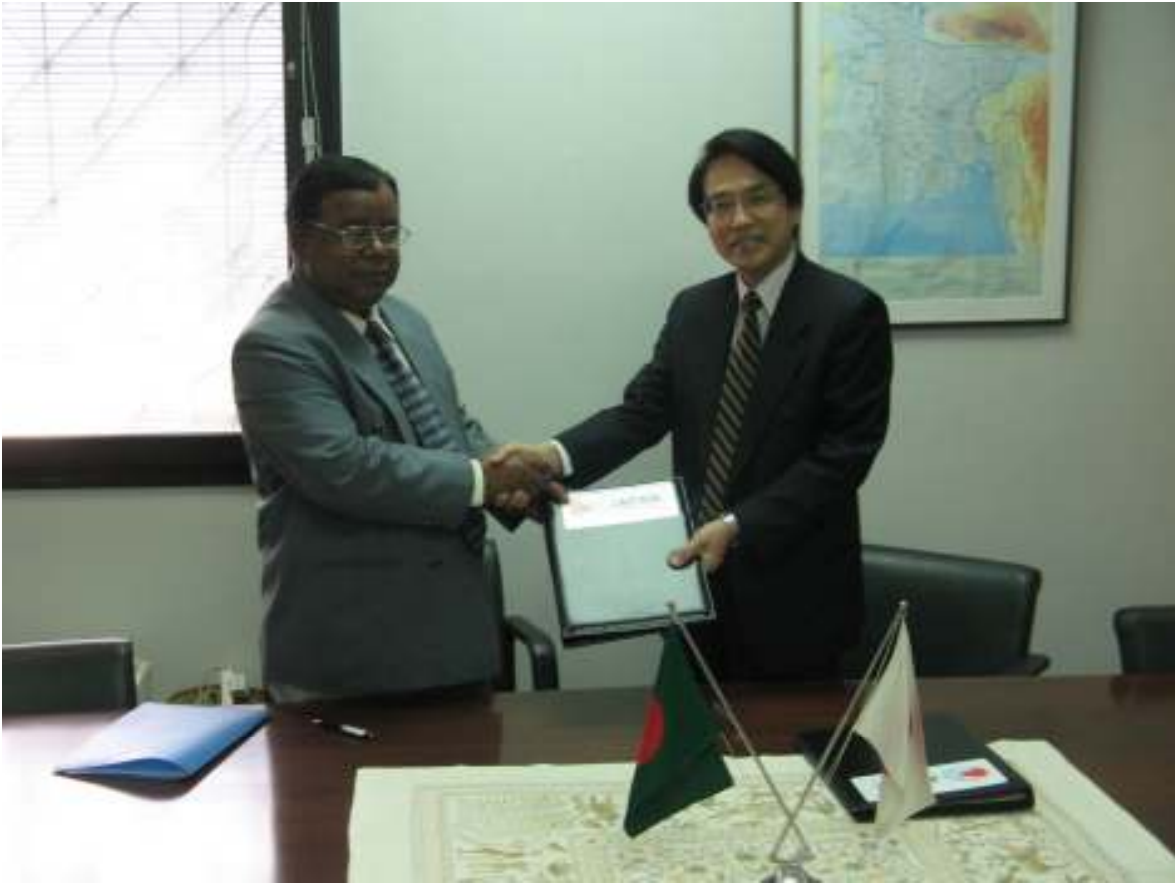
On 7 February 2010, Mr. Harumitsu Hida, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh signed a grant contract amounting US \$ 87,563 (approximately Tk 60 lakh) with Mr. Nurul Hoque Sarker, Executive Director of NAZIR for its project “the Project for Construction of Resource Center for the disabilities and poor women in Lalmonirhat” under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP).

The official name for NAZIR is “Natun Zibon Rochi”, which means the creation of new life. Since its establishment of 1997, NAZIR has been working vigorously to uplifting lives of the poor, especially people with disabilities and women in Lalmonirhat district. This time NAZIR will build a two-storied resource center for the disabilities and poor women in Lalmonirhat using the grant from the government of Japan. Through this Resource Center, 1,200 disables can take high quality physiotherapy every year. In addition, NAZIR can 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.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that those assistances by the Government of Japan will benefit the poor people and improve their living standard in Bangladesh.

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Mr. Harumitsu Hida, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh exchanges the Grant Contract with Mr. Nurul Hoque Sarker, Executive Director of NAZIR for the grant of US\$87,563 for the project “Project for Construction of Resource Center for the disabilities and poor women in Lalmonirhat”