



Press Release

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15 Bangladeshi Officials will go to Japan under Japanese Development Scholarship

On June 17, 2012, the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh signed "Exchange of Note" of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme for next year amounting to two hundred two million Japanese Yen (approximately Taka 20.39 crore). His Excellency Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan and Mr. Iqbal Mahmood, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, signed the Exchange of Notes on behalf of their respective governments. At the same time, the "Grant Agreement" was also signed today by Mr. Iqbal Mahmood, 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 12th JDS in July this year. Total 15 persons will be selected to study in Japan for two years from August 2013.

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 from 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 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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Photo Caption: On June 17, 2012, His Excellency Mr. Shiro Sadoshima (middle in the photo), Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, and Mr. Iqbal Mahmood, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, are signing the Notes regarding Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme amounting to 202 million Yen (approximately Taka 20.39 crore). At a same time, the Grant Agreement was also signed by Mr. M. Iqbal Mahmood, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Government of Bangladesh, Dr. Takao TODA, Chief Representative, and JICA Bangladesh Office. Other officials of Embassy of Japan and ERD are also seen in the picture.

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