

Embassy of Japan

Press Release

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1. The captioned news item titled "Japan halves grant aid to B'desh" as reported by Ms. Munima Sultana that was published on the 22nd June, 2010 on the first page of the Financial Express has come to our attention. It is regrettable that the news item is not at all based on the fact.

2. There is no fact that Japan's Grant Aid to Bangladesh of FY 2010 has been cut by 50 per cent.

3. There exists no exact figure annually allocated as budget in Japan's Grant Aid to Bangladesh. The Government of Japan takes the approval process for the Grant Aid to Bangladesh, based on the requests/ proposals from the Government of Bangladesh, examining the contents of each project and the alignment with Japan's ODA policies.

4. The Government of Japan will continue to follow the same policies for the Japan's Grant Aid to Bangladesh in the future.