



# Press Release

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## **Japanese Development Scholarship Fellows Have Returned**

On November 10, The Japanese Ambassador H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka welcomed the 18 JDS returned fellows at his residence who have completed Master Courses in Japanese universities under the 6th batch Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS). The H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, the Ambassador of Japan said that we expect a great deal from them for the development of their own country through making the best use of knowledge and experience acquired in Japan.

One of the returnee said, “I am sure that my knowledge that I learned in Japan will contribute to socio-economic development in Bangladesh in the near future”.

On the same day, 18 fellows made a presentation on their studies and reported their experience in Japan. JDS Operating Committee Members from Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning, Embassy of Japan, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and JICE (Japan International Cooperation Center) were present on the occasion.

This programme aims to offer opportunities to young Bangladeshi people to study at universities and other higher educational institutes in Japan with a view to promoting development in Bangladesh as well as strengthening friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries. It targets, young government officials who are expected to play leadership roles in Bangladesh in the 21st century. With this return, 127 fellows have so far returned, and at present 40 JDS fellows are studying in Japan.

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Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, 18 Returned fellows of JDS 6th batch, and the officials of the Embassy of Japan, JICA, JICE, and Government of Bangladesh are seen in the picture.