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## Japan Supports

### Community Development Projects in rural area

The government of Japan decided to extend three grants assistance totaling US\$272,477 (approximately Tk 1.9 crore) for development projects in rural areas in Bangladesh through Grant Assistance for Grass Roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP). The grant contracts have been signed between H. E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and representatives of three recipients at the Embassy of Japan today.

“Naria Unnayan Samity (NUSA)” established in 1979, has been implementing different projects in Shariatpur District to facilitate improvement of the socio-economic condition of the community. This time, being granted US\$ 93,829, NUSA will build a training complex which provides trainings such as poultry rearing, handicrafts tailoring and other workshops on IGA (Income Generating Activities) to improve and build capacity of the people especially women, disabled and unemployed in the area.

“Society for Urban and Rural Human Integrated Development (SURHID)” has been established to improve lives and empower people through education projects. This time, they are granted US\$ 95,780 by the government of Japan to expand their technical training school. It is expected that another 146 students in the area will be able to take two years training courses on welding, food processing, livestock and fruit and vegetable cultivation every year.

Finally, “Proyas Manobik Unnayan Society” is a local organization in Chapai Nawabganj which has been working for development and betterment of oppressed, squished and poor people since 1993. This time, the organization will launch a community radio broadcasting service with the grant amounting

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to US\$82,868 to provide disaster alerts, wide ranges of news and programs on time to strengthen people's capacity to reduce risks, develop socio-economic condition and increase human security of community people. It is expected that approximately 9.7lac people in Chapai Nawabganj and surrounding districts will be able to receive up-to-date news through the radio.

The government of Japan hopes that these assistances will help to improve the situation in the rural area in Bangladesh.

The Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) began its operation in 1989 and has been contributing in the social development at grass-roots level. In Bangladesh, a total number of 155 projects have already received the grant amounting to US\$ 11.3 million (approximately Taka 77 Crore).



His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh is seen with the representatives of “Naria Unnayan Samity (NUSA)”, “Society for Urban and Rural Human Integrated Development (SURHID)” and “Proyas Manobik Unnayan Society” during the grant contract signing ceremony at the Embassy of Japan, Dhaka.

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