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## Japan Supports Health Projects in rural areas

The government of Japan decided to extend three grants assistance totaling US\$282,428 (approximately Tk 2 crore) for health 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.

Being supported by members of “Quasem Foundation”, Marium Eye Hospital has been providing various eye care services for the poor in Kurigram and surrounding districts since 1994. This time, the hospital is granted US\$ 96,232 by the government of Japan to improve the quality of its comprehensive service. It is expected that over 63,000 patients in the area will be able to receive better quality of eye treatment, and 9,200 eye operations will be performed every year.

“Aloshikha Rajihar Social Development Centre” established in 1985, has been implementing different projects to achieve social and economic development in the community. Being supported by the Japanese government, Aloshikha received US\$ 91,111 to build a two-storied clinic and upgrade facilities to expand their existent health care services. It is expected that they will continuously provide more than 9,000 poor patients with better medical services yearly.

Finally, “Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh” has been established in 1999 to assure community people including the poor affordable and accessible quality health services. This time, the organization

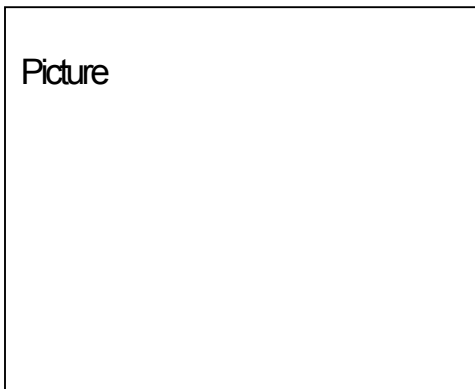
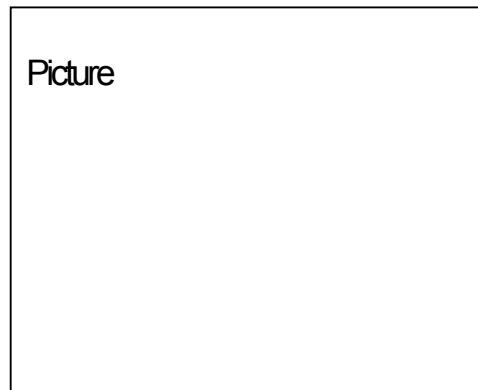
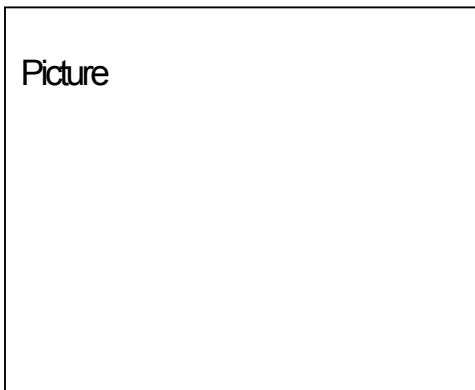
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received grant amounting to US\$ 95,085 for establishing a training center with accommodation to provide a wide range of medical trainings for health care providers in the community to improve service delivery at all levels.

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 “Quasem Foundation”, “Aloshikha Rajihar Social Development Centre” and “Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh” during the grant contract signing ceremony at the Embassy of Japan, Dhaka.

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