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## Japan Supports Sustainable Development of Rural Fishery

The grant contract for a development project for rural fishery in Bangladesh through Grant Assistance for Grass Roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) has been signed between H. E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and a representative of OISCA-IDB (JAPAN) at the Embassy of Japan today.

"OISCA-IDB (JAPAN)" has established a training center at Savar, Dhaka to provide rural farmers with a variety of trainings for promoting agriculture, fishery, forestry and industrial development to improve livelihood of Bangladeshi especially in rural areas. This time, being granted US\$ 97,122, the organization will excavate ponds and construct fish hatchery. Through this project, total 200 rural fishermen will be able to receive trainings on fishery and more than 500 fisheries will be expected to purchase fry of good quality every year.

The government of Japan hopes that the assistance 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).

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His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh is seen with Mr. Masayuki Abe, Acting Director of OISCA-IDB (JAPAN) during the grant contract signing ceremony at the Embassy of Japan, Dhaka.