



# Press Release

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## **Japan Supports “Disability Resource Centre” in Patiya, Chittagong**

On September 13, 2011, Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh attended an opening ceremony of the “Disability Resource Centre of NOWZUWAN” in Patiya, Chittagong. The centre was built by a local NGO NOWZUWAN, under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP).

NOWZUWAN received the grant amounting to Tk 58 lakh (USD 85751) for this project, in which NOWZUWAN built the Disability Resource Centre. Through this Disability Resource Centre, 2250 people and 450 families will be directly benefited every year. NOWZUWAN will provide them with Primary Rehabilitation (PRT) assistance, Awareness raising workshop at local level on disability services, Vocational training etc. It is expected that this resource centre will greatly contribute to improving social and economic condition of the communities in the area through supporting sustainable social practice of self-help development.

While expressing his heartfelt congratulations to NOWZUWAN, Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka hoped that this project would greatly contribute towards the betterment of the socio-economic condition of the disabled people in rural areas of Chittagong and therefore this will accelerate the overall socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

The Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) began its operation in 1989 and has been contributing to social development at the grassroots level. In Bangladesh, a total number of 162 projects have already received the grant amounting to US\$ 12 million (Approximately Taka 87.6 Crore).

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In the Photo, Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, attended the opening ceremony of the “Disability Resource Centre of NOWZUWAN”.

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