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**Japan Supports “IDEA Health Care Center” in Jagannathpur Upazilla of
Sunamgonj**

On September 20, 2011, Mr. Hiroto Sobajima, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh attended an opening ceremony of the “IDEA Health Care Centre” in Jagannathpur, Sunamgonj. The center was built by Local NGO Institute of Development Affairs (IDEA), under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP).

IDEA received the grant amounting to Tk 58 lakh (USD 86765) for this project, in which IDEA built a two storied building and procured necessary equipments. Through this Health Care Center, 25000 people of 25 villages will be directly benefited. IDEA Health Care Center will provide them with facilities like Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA), Health Staff services, Regular Check-up system, Delivery/ operation in this remote area. It is expected that this health care center will greatly contribute to improving health condition of the communities in the area through supporting sustainable social practice of self-help development.

While expressing his heartfelt congratulations to IDEA, Mr. Hiroto Sobajima hoped that this project would greatly contribute towards the betterment of the health care condition of the poor people in rural areas of Shunamgonj and therefore this will accelerate the overall health sector 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. Hiroto Sobajima, Second Secretary Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, attended the opening ceremony of the “IDEA Health Care Center”.

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