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## **JAPANESE AMBASSADOR VISITS SATKHIRA** **FOR OPENING CEREMONY OF EXPANDED RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER** **OF LOCAL NGO “UTTARAN”**

On 28 April 2010, Japanese Ambassador H.E. Mr. Tamotsu SHINOTSUKA attended opening ceremony of Development Research and Training Center of local NGO “Uttaran” at Tala Upazila in Satkhira under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP). At this ceremony Mr. Shinotsuka expressed his heartiest congratulations to Uttaran and sincerely hoped that the project would greatly contribute to socio-economic development of Bangladesh. Moreover, he earnestly hoped that this project would be a concrete symbol of successful working synergy of Japan–Bangladesh friendship and would strengthen the relation between these two countries.

Uttaran received grant amounting to US\$ 85,317 (approximately Taka 58 Lac) for its project “Structural Development of institute for Development Research and Training Center” in Japanese fiscal year (JFY) 2008. The main objective of this project is to extend existing training center and to provide better service, such as providing training on management, literacy, land rights, gender, water management etc, mainly for the poor people of this area. The center was established in 2000 on 5 acres of land with 12 rooms to accommodate 24 participants. This time another 12 rooms are extended through this project and total 48 participants can use its facility. In addition, a café accommodating 139 training participants has been established as well. Every year total 7,000 participants are expected to take training from this center.

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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