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Signing of Grant Contract under the Japanese Grassroots Grant Assistance for Human Security Project to Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA)

On Wednesday, March 30, 2005, His Excellency Mr. Matsushiro Horiguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, signed a Grant Contract amounting to US\$ 40,945 (approximately Taka 24 lakh) with Dr. Sarder A. Nayeem, President of the Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA).

Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA) receives this grant for the extension of the AMDA Vocational Training Centre for setting up a community centre-cum-flood shelter at Gazaria, Munshiganj. The Centre has been providing skill development training since January 1999 to promote self-employment, but it does not have sufficient space to cope with increasing number of trainees. Using the Japanese grant aid, training capacity will be raised, and the Centre will also serve as a flood shelter for 300 to 400 evacuees during times of need. Besides, it will also be used as a community centre to render comprehensive education to the community people through a library to improve literacy, primary health, micro enterprise development, gender awareness, technical skill training etc. About 10,000 people of Munshiganj district are expected to be benefited from the project directly or indirectly. In 1999, the Government of Japan extended US\$ 81,981 to AMDA for the construction of AMDA Vocational Training Centre Project, which has been providing skill training for conventional and non-conventional trades in Munshiganj district.

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His Excellency Mr. Matsushiro Horiguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh is exchanging the Grant Contract with Dr. Sarder A. Nayeem, President of the Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA), Bangladesh regarding US\$ 40,945 (approximately Taka 24 lakh) under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the Project For Extension of Vocational Training Center.