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Signing of Grant Contract Under the Japanese Grassroots Grant Assistance for Human Security Project to OISCA-IDB (Japan)

On Thursday, March 31, 2005, His Excellency Mr. Matsushiro Horiguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh signed a Grant contract amounting to US \$ 83,000 (approximately Taka 49 lakh) with Mr. Hideo Miyajima, Director of the OISCA-IDB (Japan).

OISCA-IDB (Japan) receives this grant for the Renovation and Extension of OISCA poultry project in Zirabo, Savar. The project will help to overcome the supply deficiency of day-old chicks faced by the poultry farm owners. Besides this, it will also help a good number of OISCA-passed trainees who are engaged in agro-based industries to utilize their skill and valuable experience which they achieved during their training period in OISCA-training center at Savar and in Japan. It will also assist in improving the lifestyle of small- scale farm owners of the surrounding districts like Gazipur, Mymensing and Dhaka. This project will help to increase employment opportunity. Per capita income of rural people will improve and lifestyle of the people of the area will develop. Therefore, the project is likely to contribute significantly to the economic or social development of the area.

OISCA has a long experience to work with the grassroots people in the field of poultry farming. They desire to produce quality chicks and distribute the same to the farmers. Before distribution of day-old chicks, OISCA would arrange seminars/workshops regarding management and technology of poultry farming. Some 2500 male and female graduated trainees are interested in poultry rearing. Local marginal farmers also showed their interest in poultry rearing and they may also be benefited from this project.

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His Excellency Mr. Matsushiro Horiguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh is exchanging the Grant Contract with Mr. Hideo Miyajima, Director of OISCA-IDB (Japan), Bangladesh, regarding US \$ 83,000 (approximately 49 lakh Taka) under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) for the project for Renovation and Extension of OISCA poultry management at Zirabo, Savar.