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## Institute of Allergy and Clinical Immunology of Bangladesh (IACIB) "Expansion of Filaria Hospital in Syedpur" INAUGURATED BY THE ASSISTANCE FROM JAPAN

On 08 March, 2011, "Expansion of Filaria Hospital in Syedpur" of local NGO "Institute of Allergy and Clinical Immunology of Bangladesh" at Syedpur, Nilphamari District under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) was inaugurated. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Mr. Dr. Shahadat Hossain, Deputy Health Rangpur Division, Advocate Obaidur Rahman, Upazila Chairman, Syedpur, Mr. Md. Jilur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Nilphamari, Dr. Abdur Rashid Akanda, Civil Surgeon, Nilphamari, Mr. Anwarul Haq Executive Director, IACIB and Japanese First Secretary Mr. Yasuharu SHINTO. At this ceremony Mr. Shinto expressed his heartiest congratulations to IACIB 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 relations between these two countries.

IACIB received grant amounting to US\$ 85, 848 (approximately Taka 62 Lac) for its project "Expansion of Filaria Hospital in Syedpur" in Japanese fiscal year (JFY) 2009. The main objective of this project is people receive training, help filarial patients and provide better health facilities. Under this project as two storied building with 4 storied foundations is already constructed in 1<sup>st</sup> phase in 2001. Two floor ( $2^{nd} \& 3^{rd}$ ) constructed, 1<sup>st</sup> floor renovation work and medical equipments donated in the  $2^{nd}$  phase. Each year 300 to 450 participants get training from the training room, each year 300 patient will get OT facilities and around 1500 patient get hospital facilities due to expansion of hospital.

The Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) began its operation in 1989 and has been contributing to the social development at a grass-roots level. In Bangladesh, a total number of 155 projects have received the grant amounting to US\$ 11.3 million (approximately Taka 77 Crore).

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First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, Mr. Yasuharu SHINTO delivers speech at the inauguration ceremony of "Expansion of Filaria Hospital in Syedpur" at Syedpur, Nilphamari District under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) on 08 March, 2011