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**PRESS RELEASE**

'Exchange of Notes' and 'Loan Agreement' for the budget support loan titled 'Development Policy Loan for Strengthening Public Financial Management' under 44<sup>th</sup> Japanese ODA loan Package (1<sup>st</sup> batch) have been signed today between the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of Japan. Ms. Sharifa Khan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance has signed the 'Exchange of Notes' and the 'Loan Agreement' on behalf of the Government of Bangladesh. His Excellency, Mr. IWAMA Kiminori, The Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh has signed the 'Exchange of Notes' and Mr. ICHIGUCHI Tomohide, Chief Representative, JICA Bangladesh Office, has signed the 'Loan Agreement' on behalf of the Government of Japan.

Under the 'Development Policy Loan for Strengthening Public Financial Management', Government of Japan will provide Bangladesh 30 (thirty) Billion Japanese Yen (equivalent to USD 225 Million) as budget support for economic recovery and strengthening public financial management capacity. The interest rate of this loan is 1.6%, and Front End Fee (at a time) 0.1%, repayment period is 30 years which includes 10 years grace period. Earlier Government of Japan has provided two other budget support loans amounting to 685 million yen in 2020 and 2021.

Japan is the single largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh. Japanese loans and grants are being utilized in a wide range of areas including power, roads, bridges, telecommunication, agriculture, health, education, water supply and sanitation, rural development, environment, human resource development etc. Since independence, Japan has provided financial support of USD 30.12 Billion to Bangladesh.

  
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