

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Finance
Economic Relations Division


PRESS RELEASE

Dhaka, 18 March 2015

The Government of Japan will provide an amount of 24 million Japanese Yen (equivalent to approximately Taka 1.82 crore) as Grant Aid for the 'Detailed design' of "The Project for Improvement of Meteorological RADAR System in Dhaka and Rangpur." In this regard, 'Exchange of Notes' and 'Grant Agreement' have been signed today between the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of Japan. Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance has signed the 'Exchange of Notes' and the 'Grant Agreement' on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh while His Excellency Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh has signed the 'Exchange of Notes' and Mr. Mikio Hataeda, Chief Representative, JICA Bangladesh Office, Dhaka has signed the 'Grant Agreement' on behalf of the Government of Japan.

The main project will be implemented by Bangladesh Meteorological Department under the Ministry of Defence. Under the main project, the present meteorological RADAR system of Dhaka and Rangpur will be modernized by replacing the present RADAR system with the ultramodern Doppler RADAR system, through which improvement and strengthening of capabilities of forecasting and issuance of warnings for severe meteorological phenomenon can be done by analyzing the meteorological information received by the new RADAR system. But only the detailed design of the main project will be performed by this 'Detailed Design' part of the project.

Japan is the single largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh. Japan has contributed significantly to the overall development of the country. In addition to soft loans, Japan is also providing significant amounts of Grant Aid and Technical Assistance for different projects among which human resource development and environment protection are remarkable. Japan has also been supporting the important sectors in Bangladesh out of the Japanese Debt Cancellation Fund.


18/03/2015
Monoranjan Biswas
Deputy Secretary