বিষয়: প্রেস বিজ্ঞপ্তি ইআরডি'র ওয়েব সাইটে প্রদান সংক্রান্ত।

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয়ে নির্দেশক্রমে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আজ ১৩ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৫ তারিখ দুপুর ২:০০ ঘটিকায় জাপান সরকারের ৩৬তম ওডিএ লোন প্যাকেজের অন্তর্ভুক্ত নিম্নলিখিত ৬টি প্রকল্পের বিনিময় নোট ও ঋণচুক্তি স্বাক্ষরিত হয়েছে:

প্রকল্পের নাম	সহায়তার পরিমাণ
(3) Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project	১৫,৮২৫ মিলিয়ন জাপানী ইয়েন
(২) Dhaka-Chittagong Main Power Grid Strengthening Project	৪৩,৭৬৯ মিলিয়ন জাপানী ইয়েন
(৩) Western Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project	২৯,৩৪০ মিলিয়ন জাপানী ইয়েন
(8) Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) and Health System Improvement Project	১৭,৫২০ মিলিয়ন জাপানী ইয়েন
(c) Urban Building Safety Project	১২,০৮৬ মিলিয়ন জাপানী ইয়েন
(৬) Upazila Governance and Development Project	১৪,৭২৫ মিলিয়ন জাপানী ইয়েন
মোট	১৩৩,২৬৫ মিলিয়ন জাপানী ইয়েন

স্বাক্ষরিত প্রেস বিজ্ঞপ্তির কপি (বাংলা ও ইংরেজিতে) ইআরিডি'র ওয়েব সাইটে প্রদানের প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

সংযুক্তি: বর্ণনামতে।

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The Government of Japan will provide an amount of Japanese Yen 133,265 million (approx Tk 8,660 crore) under the 36th Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan Package for the following six projects. The Exchange of Notes and Loan Agreements for the six projects were signed today between the Governments of Bangladesh and Japan. Mr Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance signed the Exchange of Notes with H.E. Mr Masato Watanabe, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and the Loan Agreements with Mr Mikio Hataeda, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh Office. Brief descriptions of the projects are as follows:

Name of Project	Project Executing Ministry/Division; Implementing Agency	Amount of ODA loans in Japanese Yen
Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project	Prime Minister's Office; Finance Division; Bank and Financial Institutions Division; Bangladesh Bank; Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority; Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Limited	JPY 15,825 million (approx Tk 1,029 crore)
Dhaka-Chittagong Main Power Grid Strengthening Project	Power Division; Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited	JPY 43,769 million (approx Tk 2,844 crore)
Western Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project	Road Transport and Highways Division; Roads and Highways Department	JPY 29,340 million (approx Tk 1,907 crore)
Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) and Health System Improvement Project	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	JPY 17,520 million (approx. Tk 1,138 crore)
Urban Building Safety Project	Ministry of Housing and Public Works; Bank and Financial Institutions Division; Bangladesh Bank; Public Works Department	JPY 12,086 million (approx Tk 785 crore)
Upazila Governance and Development Project	Local Government Division	JPY 14,725 million (approx Tk 957 crore)
Total		JPY 133,265 million (approx Tk 8,660 crore)

Rate of Interest: 0.01% per annum which is payable in 40 years including 10 years grace period.

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Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project: The total project cost is JPY 23,349 (approx Tk 1,518 crore). JICA will provide JPY 15,825 million (approx Tk 1,029 crore) which accounts for 67% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to bring Japanese investments in Bangladesh. Under the project, special economic zones will be developed.

Dhaka-Chittagong Main Power Grid Strengthening Project: The total project cost is JPY 70,011 (approx Tk 4,550 crore). JICA will provide JPY 43,769 million (approx Tk 2,844 crore) which accounts for 63% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to improve the stability and reliability of electricity supply to industrial/commercial zones by constructing high voltage transmission lines between Dhaka and Chittagong.

Western Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project: The total project cost is JPY 44,841 million (approx Tk 2,914 crore). JICA will provide JPY 29,340 million (approx Tk 1,907 crore) which accounts for 65% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to replace and construct 61 bridges located in the national and regional highway mainly in the western part of the country to promote a reliable and efficient road transport network.

Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) and Health System Improvement Project: The total project cost is JPY 21,497 million (approx Tk 1,397 crore). JICA will provide JPY 17,520 million (approx Tk 1,138 crore) which account for 81% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to increase access to improved health services.

Urban Building Safety Project: The total project cost is JPY 14,031 million (approx Tk 912 crore). JICA will provide JPY 12,086 million (approx Tk 785 crore) which accounts for 86% of the total project cost. The project will cover Dhaka, Chittagong, Gazipur and Narayanganj districts. The project aims to strengthen the building safety in the urban cities by providing loans for private buildings through Participating Financial Institutions. The project will retrofit 9 fire stations in Dhaka and construct the new headquarter of Fire Service & Civil Defense.

Upazila Governance and Development Project: The total project cost is JPY 17,217 million (approx Tk 1,119 crore). JICA will provide JPY 14,725 million (approx Tk 957 crore) which accounts for 85% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity of Upazila Parishads by providing trainings and fund transfer for development activities under Upazila Parishods. The project will introduce performance—based allocation for improving governance and infrastructure facilities of the Upazila Parishods.

Japan is the largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh. Japan has been providing financial support in different sectors which contributed significantly to the socio-economic development of Bangladesh since its independence.

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