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## **Press Release**

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Mr. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary, Economic Relations Division has been awarded the prestigious Order of Diplomatic Service Merit (Heungin Medal) from the Republic of Korea for his outstanding and meritorious service rendered to promoting friendly relations between the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The award was presented to Mr. Siddiky on 21 November 2023, by Mr. Han Duck-soo, the Honorable Prime Minister of South Korea, on behalf of the Honorable President of the Republic of Korea.

Under Mr. Siddiky's proactive initiatives, significant strides have been made and the Framework Agreement for 3.00 billion USD Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) and 3.00 billion USD Economic Development Promotion Facility (EDPF) were signed for the tenure 2023–2027.

These initiatives have paved the way for the implementation of numerous large-scale projects. Among them are the Karnaphuli Rail-cum-Road Bridge at Kalurghat Point, Metrorail Lines 4 and 5 (South), the Meghna-Dhanagoda River Bridge on Matlab North-Ghazaria Road, and the Uttara Sanitation Project, all of which are currently underway with the secured financing. Mr. Siddiky's visionary approach has been instrumental in driving these initiatives forward.

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