



The Imperial Family.

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Chronology of bilateral relations between Japan and Bangladesh

- 1972 Japan recognized the People's Republic of Bangladesh (Feb. 10). The Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo was opened. The Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was opened.
- 1973 Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman paid an official visit to Japan.
- 1975 Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess (currently Their Majesties Emperor and The Empress) visited Bangladesh.
- 1978 President Ziaur Rahman paid a State Visit to Japan.
- 1980 President Ziaur Rahman attended the funeral of late Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira.
- 1985 President Hussain Muhammad Ershad paid a State Visit to Japan.
- 1990 Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu visited Bangladesh. Meghna Bridge constructed with Japanese grant was opened. President Hussain Muhammad Ershad attended the enthronement of Emperor AKIHITO.
- 1994 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia paid an official visit to Japan. Meghna-Gumti Bridge constructed with Japanese grant was opened.
- 1997 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid an official visit to Japan.
- 1998 Jamuna Bridge constructed with Japanese loan was opened.
- 2000 Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori visited Bangladesh.
- 2002 30th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Bangladesh.
- 2005 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia paid an official working visit to Japan.

Japan's ODA: Towards a more prosperous Bangladesh



Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Japan

BANGLADESH and Japan sustains a profound and substantial friendship in history. Japan was one of the first countries that officially recognized Bangladesh. Moreover, Japan whole-heartedly supports Bangladeshi people and stands by them during their most difficult times. As a developing economy, Bangladesh is still considered one of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Asia. Japan, as its friend, feels great compassion and warmth for Bangladeshis, and wishes to support Bangladesh's efforts in battling poverty.

Japan highly appreciates the Government of Bangladesh for its effort in implementing its Poverty

Reduction Strategy (PRS), apparently which is the Bangladesh's most pressing challenge. Along with other development partners like ADB, DFID, and World Bank, Japan supports the Bangladeshi people to implement such strategy and to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Needless to say, Bangladesh is important for Japan. It is because Bangladesh plays key roles in South Asia, the Islamic world and multilateral forums. It also maintains significant contribution as a profound and prolific trade and investment partner to the Japanese business communities. The perpetual friendship between Bangladesh and Japan generates impeccable impact in

the lives our Bangladeshi friends. The list produces a number of tangible outcomes.

The most visible Japanese support is portrayed in developing large-scale infrastructure here in Bangladesh. Japan has significantly supported in constructing local transportation network that include the Meghna and Meghna-Gumti Bridges, the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge, the Lalon Shah Bridge, and the Khan Jahan Ali Bridge, etc. Such substantially built and fully operational transportation network greatly enhance the economic activities and improves people's lives. In addition, Fertilizer factories financed by Japanese ODA produce 60 percent of the total local fertilizer output that eventually contributes Bangladesh in achieving self-sufficiency in food.

Taskforce. Now there exists a common platform and interface for communication with the government, donors, and Japan's development community. Through such stakeholder mapping, Japan strategies to leverage most of its knowledge stored in various organizations and wishes to utilize its limited available ODA resources as effectively as possible.

In Japan's new Country Assistance Program for Bangladesh, which was renewed

in last May, the basic principles strategies are: (1) Supporting ownership and self-help efforts of Bangladesh; (2) Promoting development partnership, and; (3) Providing attention to gender and environment as crosscutting issues.

It could be added in this connection that in order to support the efforts of the Government of Bangladesh for poverty reduction in a sustainable manner, three priority goals and nine sectors have been identified. They

include: (a) Promoting economic growth (private sector development, transport, power, agriculture and rural development), (b) Enhancing social development with human security aspects (education, health, environment, disaster management), and (c) Improving governance.

Japan will continue to work with the Government of Bangladesh and other development partners for further and sustainable development of this country.

Our Heartiest Felicitation to His Majesty Emperor AKIHITO on the occasion of his 73rd Birthday



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Heartiest felicitation on the occasion of The National Day of Japan



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Dr. K. Mayeda, President of Mitsui Zosen of Japan and Mr. K.M. Mahmudur Rahman, Chairman, Highspeed, shaking hands at the conclusion of the first ever Japan-Bangladesh Joint Venture agreement for setting up the Largest Shipbuilding and Engineering complex in Bangladesh in 1980.

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