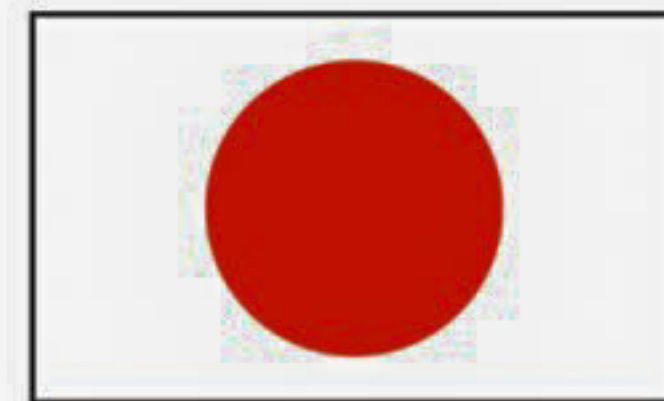




## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diplomatic relations Bangladesh – Japan 1972-2012



“উন্নয়নশীল” “এটা আমাদের ভবিষ্যতের জন্য”।

### “Developing” “It’s for our FUTURE ”

Rushda, a girl of Jr. high school student, living at Dhaka with Dad and Mom.  
She never knows that how people are surviving in Bangladesh...

Dad! I'm mad!  
How many hours took from school to home by bus today?  
That was 2 hours!

Oh, poor baby! A traffic jam becomes severer. So thousands of cars, buses, CNG and rickshaws were stopping so long time.

Hahaha! When I was a boy, a river near my village did not have a bridge. If we wanted to go to the other side, have to take more than half day. Recently a bridge was constructed and traffic became convenient.

That's incredible! Really? Who is constructing a big bridge like that?

Done by JICA.

**500 Bridges**

**Safety Delivery**

Not only transportation. I was very nervous when you were born since I was at home without a skilled attendant. Nowadays, JICA is working for the expecting mothers would spend easy days and getting ready for her labor and delivery.

Well, I've actually heard of my friend's mother who gave birth in a hospital which supported by JICA.

**117 Cyclone Shelters**

Also JICA has distributed 117 cyclone shelters which secured more than 200,000 lives and good learning environment for students.

Yes, I know! My cousins are going to the school in Noakhali.

**Exciting & Attractive**

Speaking of school, JICA supports teachers of primary school to make class more exciting for students. We are happy you enjoy going to school everyday.

Exactly! I like studying mathematics, because the lesson is very attractive.

**1112 Ton Collection Gavage**

Have you ever seen pink waste collection vehicles in Dhaka?

Molar Gari! (Rubbish vehicle!)

**Clean Dhaka**

JICA is familiar to us, isn't it?

JAPAN donated 100 waste collection vehicles, and JICA supports to improve the waste management services of Dhaka city.

I hope this city to be clean and comfortable.

#### Message of H.E. Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan

We are celebrating this year the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Bangladesh. On this momentous occasion, I wish to express sincere appreciation of the endeavors of our predecessors who made great efforts to maintain a strong friendship between the two countries along with enormous moral support and timely assistance extended by the Government and the people of Bangladesh following the devastating earthquake and tsunami disaster of 11 March 2011. In the days to come, I expect both Japan and Bangladesh to further promote a stronger relationship as exceptional partners in socio-economic cooperation and trade along with educational and cultural exchanges. I will do my best to fulfill this important mission.

On 10th February, 1972, Japan recognized Bangladesh as an independent nation ahead of many developed countries. Diplomatic relations were established the following day, 11th February, 1972. The early recognition of Bangladesh's independence by Japan shows how strong Japanese people's attachment to Bangladeshi people is and this is one of the fundamental reasons why Bangladeshi people have had a favorable impression of Japan from the beginning of their journey as a sovereign nation. Based on a common culture of modesty, a common work ethic, value place on strong family ties and partly due to similarly designed national flags, the two countries have maintained a very good friendship.

I sincerely hope that this bond of friendly relationship will be further strengthened in the days to come.



We stayed with you.  
We are staying with you.  
We will always stay with you  
For the people in need.

#### 40th Anniversary Event Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Venue
3 <sup>rd</sup> March (Sat) - 7 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	Japan Film Festival 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 11:00 Opening 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> March Afternoon	Auditorium, National Museum
4 <sup>th</sup> March (Sun) - 7 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	Photo Exhibition (Reconstruction & 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	4 <sup>th</sup> March 11:00 Opening 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> March 10:00 - 16:30	Gallery, National Museum
10 <sup>th</sup> March (Sat) - 14 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	KIZUNA Child Painting Contest & Exhibition	10 <sup>th</sup> March 15:00 Opening 11 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> March 10:00 - 16:30	Gallery, National Museum
10 <sup>th</sup> March (Sat)	Japanese Speech Contest (Memorial on Reconstruction)	9:30~12:00	Sangit-o-Nrittakala Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
15 <sup>th</sup> March (Thu)	Drama "One Hundred Sacks of Rich"	19:00 ~ 20:30	Main Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

#### Message of Dr. Takao Toda, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

40 years of our bilateral cooperation consists of numerous priceless efforts both by Bangladeshi and Japanese. The overview of this history is just like to observe a number of small and shiny snow crystals have been falling down from the sky to change the landscape of this country to be as bright as possible.

Blessings are not only for Bangladesh, but also for Japanese. Immediately after March 11, 2011, so many Bangladeshi expressed their warm and strong willingness to support Japan and took a variety of concrete actions, to which I still cannot find proper words to express my sincere gratitude. Nowadays more and more Japanese pioneers, business persons, social entrepreneurs, most of whom are young and dynamic in spirits, are rushing to Bangladesh fascinated by affluent potential of this country. It should also be noted that our bilateral cooperation has not been and will not be exclusive but widely open to everyone who is eager to work together for the sake of this country as well as for our only one globe. Synergy between our efforts on local or geographically specific issues and those on global is now evident as the world is getting smaller and more closely inter-related.

