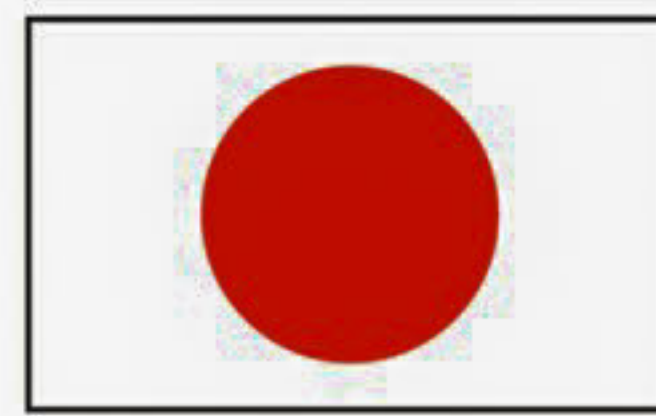




40th Anniversary

Diplomatic relations
Bangladesh – Japan 1972-2012



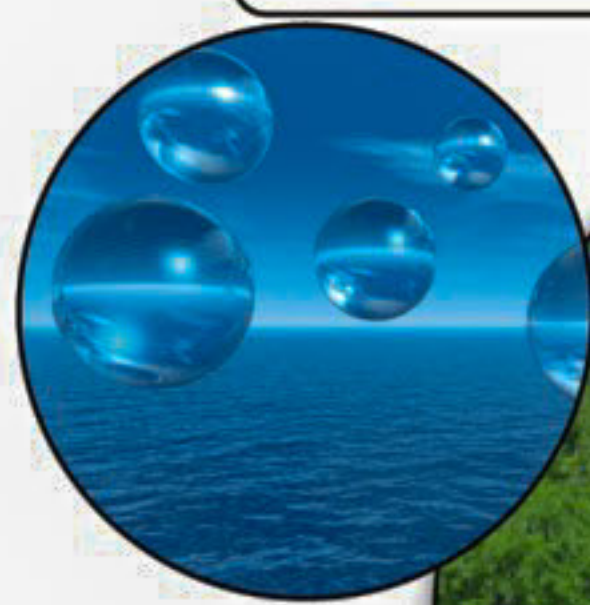
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Steady growth, for our brighter future

40 years later, Rushda has grown up and has her own family- her husband and a daughter.
Let's see her happy life in Bangladesh!

Clean Environment and beautiful streets

- Flood – free sewer
- Water supply distribution system covering most communities



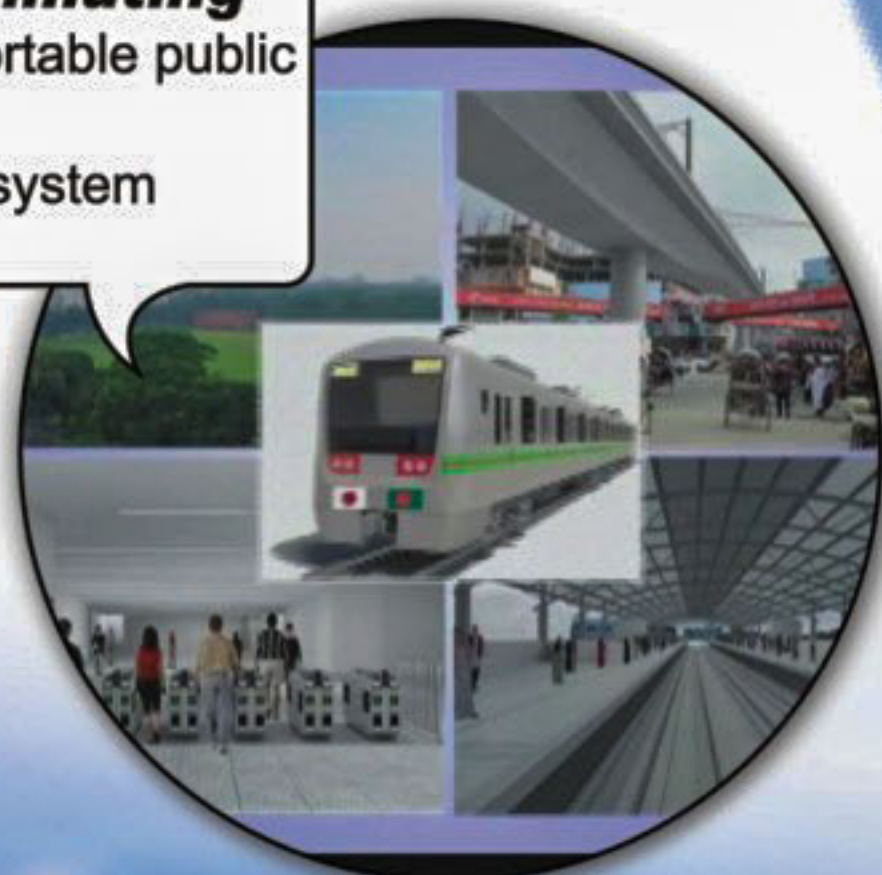
Comfortable and easy to go

- Road environment without traffic congestion
- Stress-free vehicle movement



Convenient commuting

- Punctual and comfortable public transportation
- Cashless payment system



Excellent knowledge for next step

- High literacy enabling higher career
- The rise of ratio of advancement to higher education
- Fostering of the young charged with the future of Bangladesh

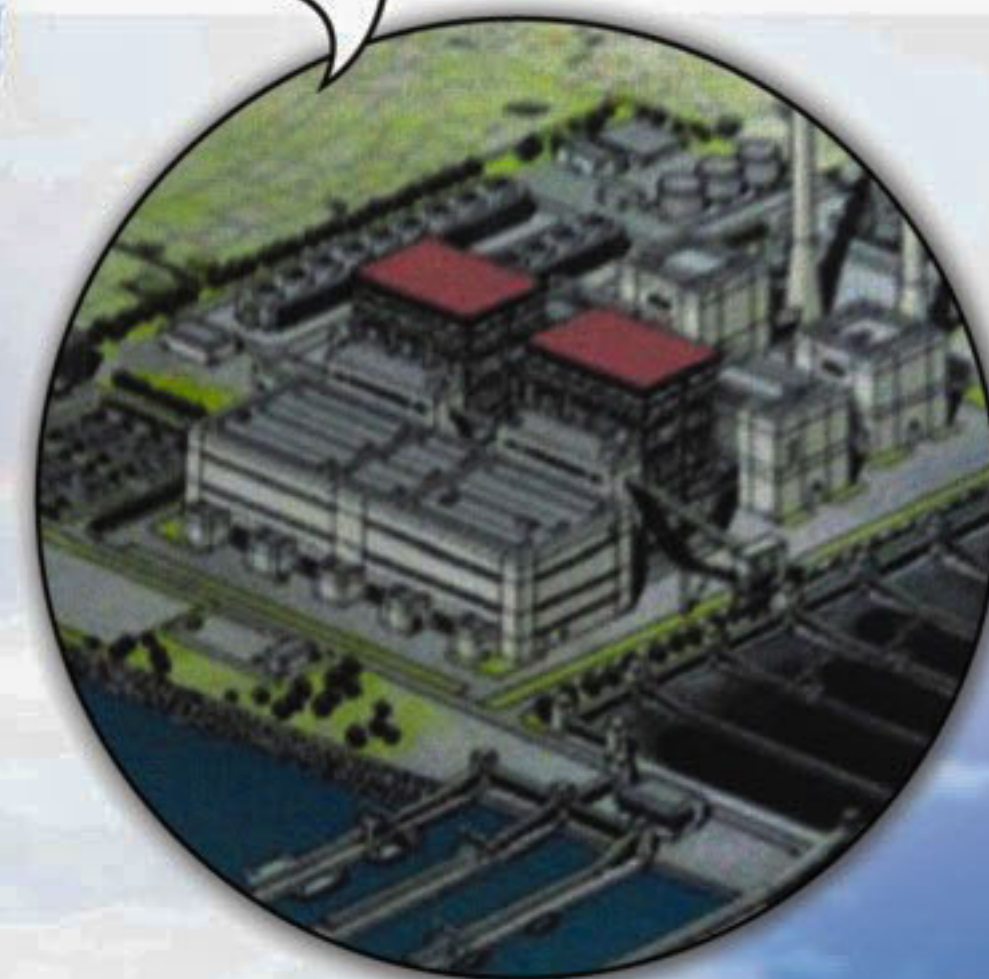
Delighted family

- Low maternal and child mortality rates
- Livable society without fear of infection, arsenic and etc.



Stable electricity for sound economy

- High quality and reliable electricity for the sustainable economic development and social well being of Bangladesh
- Environment friendly power on most cost efficient manner



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

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

Looking back the past gives us wisdom to pave the way to our brighter future. The holistic view of the 40 years of our bilateral relationship and cooperation is not only for satisfying our nostalgia but also for back-casting and realizing our brightest future ahead of us.

What will be our future after 40 years from now? It is expected that both Bangladesh and Japan will be staying at the top 10% level of world leading economies. Nearly 400 million people of the two countries will be playing plenty of important roles to deal with various global issues hand-in-hand with other dynamic global actors. It is natural to draw a rosy picture of our future like this when we have witnessed the remarkable progress of Bangladesh in the past 40 years as well as consolidated friendship of the both countries.

Let us continue to have a dream and vision, which, of itself, shall lead us further brighter future.

