


39th ODA Loan Package Signed between the Government of Bangladesh and Japan

Japan is the signal largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh. Since independence Japan has been providing financial support amounting approximately 16.5 billion US\$ in different sectors which contributed significantly in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

The Exchange of Notes and 39th ODA Loan Agreement for the six projects were signed on 14 June 2018 between the governments of Bangladesh and Japan. The Government of Japan will provide an amount of 200,371 million Japanese Yen (approximately Taka 15,326 crore/USD 1,831 million) under the 39th Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan Package for six projects. Mr. Kazi Shofiqul Azam, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance signed the Exchange of Notes with H.E. Mr. Hiroyasu Izumi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and the Loan Agreements with Mr. Takatoshi Nishikata, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh Office.

Brief descriptions of six projects are as follows:

- (1) Matarbari Port Development Project (E/S): Objective of the project is to construct a new commercial port at Matarbari area of Cox's Bazar district. Total cost of this engineering service project is 3,511 million JPY. JICA will provide 2,655 JPY, which is 75% of total project cost.
- (2) Jamuna Railway Bridge Construction Project (I): Objective of the project is to construct a dedicated railway bridge over the river Jamuna in parallel to the existing Bangabandhu Bridge. Implementation period of the project is up to December 2022. The total project cost is Tk. 9,734.07 crore. JICA will provide Tk. 7,724.33 crore, which is 79% of the total project cost.
- (3) Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line 5) (E/S): Objective of the project is to alleviate traffic congestion and mitigate air pollution in Dhaka city by constructing 20 km mass rapid transit system in MRT line-5 route i.e. Hemayetpur-Aminbazar-Gabtoli-Mirpur 1- Mirpur 10-Kochukhet-Cantonment-Banani-Gulshan 2-Notun Bazar-Vatara by 2030. Total cost of this engineering services project is 9,499 million JPY. JICA will provide 7,358 million JPY, which is 77% of total project cost.
- (4) Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line-6) (III): Objective of the project is to construct 20.10 km metro rail in the MRT Line-6 route i.e. Uttara-Pallabi-Mirpur 10-Khamar Bari-Farmgate-Hotel Sonargaon-Shahbag-Doel Chattar-Topkhana Road-Bangladesh Bank. Implementation Period of the project is up to June 2024. The total project cost is Tk. 21,985.07 crore. JICA will provide Tk. 16,594.59 crore, which is 75% of the total project cost.
- (5) Matarbari Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Project (IV): Objective of the project is to meet growing electricity demand and to improve stable power supply by installing 1200 MW Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Plant at Matarbari Area of Maheshkhali Upazila under Cox's Bazar district. Implementation period of the project is up to June 2024. The total project cost is Tk. 35,984.46 crore. JICA will provide Tk. 28,939.03 crore, which is 80% of the total project cost.
- (6) Health Services Strengthening Project: Objective of the project is to establish a system for strengthening non-communicable diseases control and the access to health services by/through urban poor population in Dhaka and improving the quality of health services at primary and secondary level health facilities in all divisions. JICA will provide 6,559 million JPY.


Dr. Sahida Akter
Economic Minister
Embassy of Bangladesh
Tokyo