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The Daily Star (TDS) What is the state of progress in the Dhaka-Japan Rapid Transit Development Project and the Multifuel Ultra Super Critical Coal fired Power Project both financed by Japanese ODA, as well as the prospects for their completion? It appears that Japan's assistance for developing infrastructure in Bangladesh has been delayed. Since the current stance of Japan's position in July 2019, what are the prospects for assistance from Japan going forward? Also, what support is Japan providing in the special economic zone in Bangladesh for Japanese companies?

Japan's Foreign Minister Taro Kono, who arrives in Dhaka today for a brief but important day-long visit to Bangladesh, talked to The Daily Star's Diplomatic Correspondent Rezaul Karim on a wide range of issues, including bilateral development cooperation, Japanese investment in Bangladesh, infrastructure development, and a power generation project. He also talks about the ongoing Rohingya crisis. The exclusive interview was based on a series of questions sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo through the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh ahead of his visit. Following are excerpts from the interview.

As of the main development partners in Bangladesh, Japan is providing assistance for the fight against poverty, the development of infrastructure, and measures to improve environmental sustainability in several sectors. At present, under “The East West Industrial Corridor Belt (EWIC) Initiative agreed to at the bilateral summit meeting in 2014, we are accelerating the concept of development policies and measures to strengthen regional connectivity. The ongoing Multifuel Ultra Super Critical Coal-fired Power Project, the Bangladesh Mega-Scale Transit Development Project, and the Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project are all expected to be completed by 2028. In addition, Japan is also providing assistance to build the Bangladesh nuclear power plant. The nuclear power plant will be completed in 2024. The project is expected to help Bangladesh in terms of energy security and energy efficiency.

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Under the Multifuel Ultra Super Critical Coal fired Power Project, an estimated 1,360 MW of electricity will be supplied to Bangladesh until 2028. The project is expected to help Bangladesh in terms of energy security and energy efficiency. The project is expected to help Bangladesh in terms of energy security and energy efficiency. The nuclear power plant will be completed in 2024. The project is expected to help Bangladesh in terms of energy security and energy efficiency.

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The Government of Japan will ensure cooperation in energy and climate change. In addition, Japan is committed to advancing cooperation in the special economic zone for Japanese businesses. Under the Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project, Bangladesh is expected to benefit from Japanese investments. Japan is also expected to support Bangladesh in terms of energy security and energy efficiency. The project is expected to help Bangladesh in terms of energy security and energy efficiency.