



 Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh

Building the Foundation

Takashi Hayakawa - The Founder of true Friendship-



"In the present age, humanity must tie itself into one family in order to survive. My love and passion for Bangladesh is a challenge toward this ideal and also it is an experiment."

Takashi Hayakawa

Mr. Takashi Hayakawa, a Member of the Parliament, spearheaded the cultivation of true friendship between Bangladesh and Japan. Beginning with fund-raising for the victims of cyclone in 1970, Mr. Hayakawa dedicated his heart and soul for making the dreams of the new nation come true, which has, in time, found expression in the form of Shonargaon Hotel and Bangabandhu Multi-purpose Bridge, among others.

Mr. Hayakawa's plaque, which silently nestles in the corner of Shonargaon Hotel, speaks for his unparalleled devotion for Bangladesh. His creed, inscribed on the plaque, illuminates the ever-lasting path that lay ahead of us.

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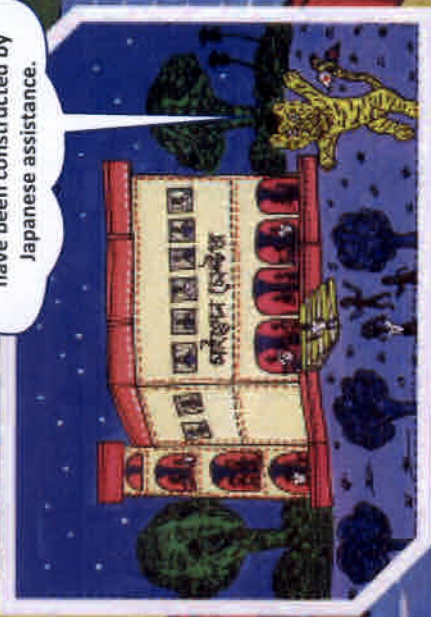
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The Backbone of Shonar Bangla: Education & Public Health

Stronger education & health services form the backbone of Shonar Bangla and a basic condition for human happiness. Japan's assistance in the health sector has a long history in Bangladesh, which helped achieve polio-free status in 2014, building modern health facilities and strengthening maternal and child health services etc. In education sector, Japan's assistance has been focusing upon improving the quality of primary education, by way of enriching the contents of text books and developing teacher training packages.

A Safe Haven from Mighty Nature -Cyclone Shelter-

"The nature of Bangladesh has two faces -calm and mighty- as Tagore playfully compared it with a "beauteous dame" and an "irate housewife." To counter the mighty side of the nature, Japan has been extending assistance of building multipurpose cyclone shelters along the southern coastal area. To date, about 150 cyclone shelters have been built under the Japanese assistance.



Quality Infrastructure Quality Living

Power & Energy: The loadstar towards Shonar Bangla

Power is the mainspring for higher economic growth, bedrock for human development, and the beacon on the passage towards Shonar Bangla. Japanese finance in the power sector accounts for nearly 25% of the total power generation in Bangladesh, with new major projects afoot under the vision of BIG-B.

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Fly me to the
Land of
Tomorrow

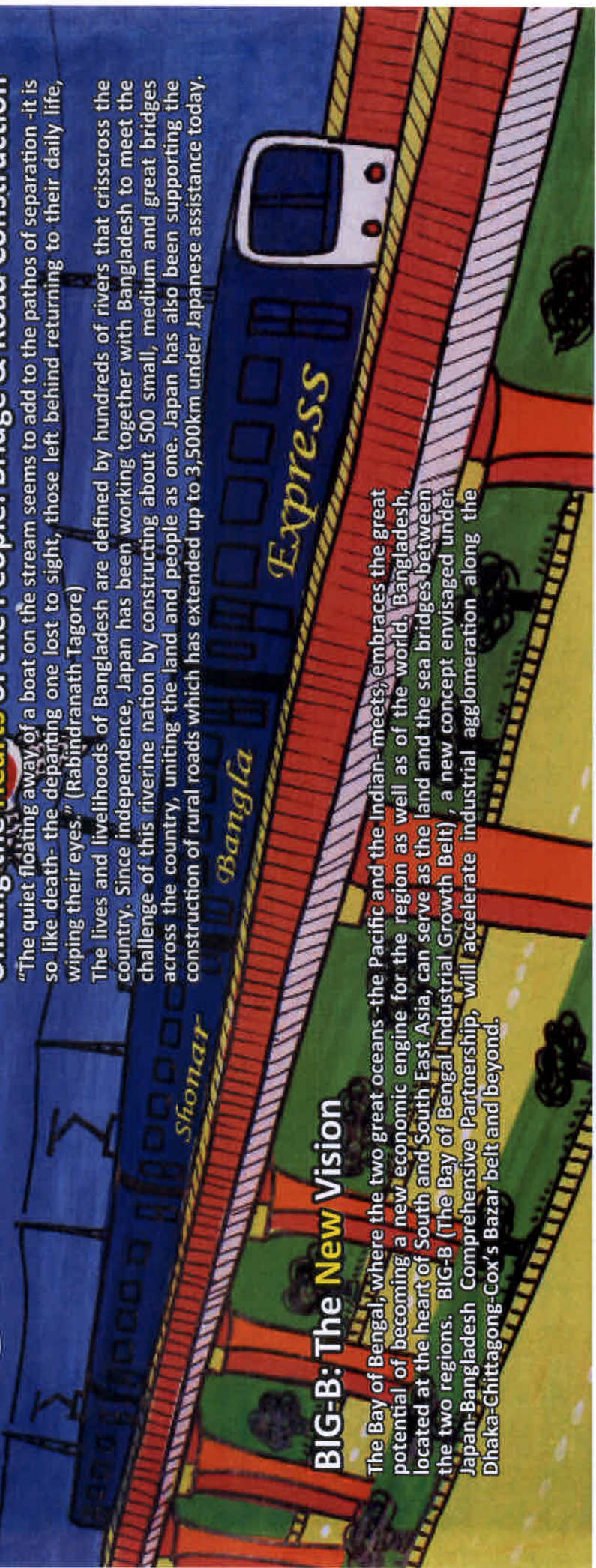
Uniting the Hearts of the People: Bridge & Road Construction

"The quiet floating away of a boat on the stream seems to add to the paths of separation - it is so like death - the departing one lost to sight, those left behind returning to their daily life, wiping their eyes." (Rabindranath Tagore)

The lives and livelihoods of Bangladesh are defined by hundreds of rivers that crisscross the country. Since independence, Japan has been working together with Bangladesh to meet the challenge of this riverine nation by constructing about 500 small, medium and great bridges across the country, uniting the land and people as one. Japan has also been supporting the construction of rural roads which has extended up to 3,500km under Japanese assistance today.

BIG-B: The New Vision

The Bay of Bengal, where the two great oceans - the Pacific and the Indian - meet, embraces the great potential of becoming a new economic engine for the region as well as of the world. Bangladesh, located at the heart of South and South East Asia, can serve as the land and the sea bridges between the two regions. BIG-B (The Bay of Bengal Industrial Growth Belt), a new concept envisaged under Japan-Bangladesh Comprehensive Partnership, will accelerate industrial agglomeration along the Dhaka-Chittagong-Cox's Bazar belt and beyond.



Japanese Assistance at a Glance

1. SUMMARY OF JAPAN'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

- A brief summary of our bilateral ODA relationship

Japan has developed and maintained cordial relations with Bangladesh since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972, primarily through Japan's economic cooperation. In May 2014, Prime Minister Abe announced his commitment to provide up to 600 billion Yen of additional assistance to Bangladesh in about 4 or 5 years from 2014.

2. OUR PRIORITY COOPERATION AREA

- Our Scope of cooperation area for effective development of Bangladesh

- (1) Accelerate economic growth so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of becoming a middle-income country: Assistance for the field of Transport, Power & Energy, Urban Development and Private Sector.
- (2) Alleviate Social Vulnerabilities, Assistance to the field of Education, Health, Governance, Rural Development, Agriculture and Disaster Risk Reduction.

4. COOPERATION AREA AND PROJECT

- We Have been supporting Bangladesh in various areas and projects so far



Power & Energy

- New Haripur Power Plant Development Project (55.1)
- Rural Electrification Project (1.4)



Transport

- Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Construction Project (210)
- Rupsha Bridge Construction Project (8.3)
- Paksey Bridge Construction Project (17.6)



Agriculture & Rural Development

- The Technical Assistance to BSMRAU (0.23)
- Production Capacity Improvement Project (0.58)
- Participatory Rural Development Project (0.55)



Education & Public Health

- Safe Motherhood Promotion Project (0.88)
- Research and Development of Prevention and Diagnosis for Neglected Tropical Disease, Especially Kala-Azar (0.46)
- Strengthening Primary Teacher Training on Science and Mathematics (0.65)



Digital Bangladesh & Private Sector

- ITTE Management Capability Improvement Project (0.26)
- Financial Sector Project for the Development of SMEs (50.0)



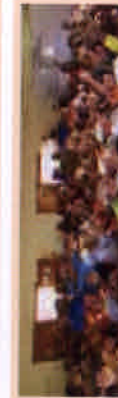
Disaster Management

- Construction of Multipurpose Cyclone Shelter (0.65)
- Capacity Development on Natural Disaster Resistant Techniques of Construction and Retrofitting for Public Building (0.29)



Urban Development

- Project for Strengthening of Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City (0.3)
- Greater Dhaka Telecommunications Network Improvement Project (14.7)



Governance

- Participatory Rural Development Project (0.55)
- Project for Improving Public Services through Total Quality Management (0.55)

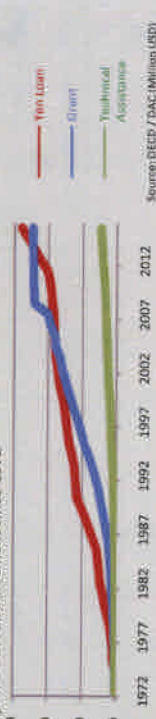
3. JAPAN'S ODA DISBURSEMENTS TO BANGLADESH

(1) Recent ODA records by scheme

Year	Yen Loan	Grant	Technical Assistance
2010	0	31.49	27.74
2011	599.69	11.35	37.07
2012	1,633.76	22.08	36.52
2013	0	40.86	50.09
2014	1,209.86	14.05	38.15
2015	1,332.65	51.73	34.32
Total	11,999.00	4,829.46	828.98

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Yen Loan and Grant: Commitment Base, Technical Assistant: Disbursement Base) (Billion JPY)

(2) Japan's ODA disbursement since 1972



Source: OECD / DAC (Million USD)



BANTORA-KUN

Japan-Bangladesh Goodwill Ambassador invented by Japanese Commerce & Industry Association in Dhaka and designed by Artist Nazir Hossain. Received the highest number of vote in Yuru-Chara Grand Prix 2015 among overseas contestants.

