

Economic Relations Division
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Press Release

Korea and Bangladesh has a strong diplomatic relation for long time. Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has been providing grant for Socio-economic development, education, expansion of Information Technology and many more in Bangladesh since 1993. In accordance with that on 08.12.2022, Government of Bangladesh and Republic of Korea have signed Record of Discussion (RoD) & Terms of Reference (ToR) of the project titled "Transport Master Plan and Preliminary Feasibility Study for Urban Metro Rail Transit Construction of Chattogram Metropolitan Area". KOICA will provide US\$ 6.00 million (approximately 57.00 crore) as a grant to implement the project.

Ms. Sharifa Khan, Honorable Secretary, Economic Relations Division, and H.E.LEE Jang-keun, Ambassador of Korea in Bangladesh were present during the signing. Mr. A B M Amin Ullah Nuri, Secretary, Road Transport and Highways Division and Mr. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Additional Secretary, (Asia, JEC and F&F), ERD on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Ms. Young-Ah Doh, Country Director, KOICA signed the RoD and ToR on behalf of the Republic of Korea.

The main objective of this project is to prepare a Transport Master Plan for Chattogram Metropolitan area for providing high-quality public transport services and pedestrian facilities, prepare preliminary feasibility study for construction of metro rail in Chattogram, enhance institutional capacity of different agencies of Chattogram transport service system to reduce traffic congestion and improve eco-friendly urban metro systems. After completion of the Master Plan different projects will be taken up for improvement of transport system in Chattogram Metropolitan Area with Korean assistance.

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