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## New NGO formed

An NGO in the name of Society For Advancement of Rural Areas (SARA) has been established with the project of undertaking activities for advancement of rural areas in the field of education, health and other sectors, says a Press release.

The SARA is taking up its 1st project "Japan-Bangladesh Friendship School" Sadar South of Sylhet with the assistance of "Japan-Bangladesh Friendship School Committee", comprising of 20 members representing Business Organisation, Charity Organisations like Rotary Clubs and Lions Clubs organised by Yoshiro Kawashima, President, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, 3600-Handa Cho, Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan. The project envisages establishment of a school to be used for multipurposes of Primary/Secondary Education, Vocational Training, family planning, free out-patient Clinic and also as a flood shelter. The beneficiary of the project will be the residents of Sylhet Sadar (South) where the percentage of literacy is very low (about 6%) and the low lying areas suffer from frequent floods. The estimated cost of the project will be about forty million yen.

The project will be monitored by the donors, "Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Committee" in Japan. The committee headed by Prof. Kawashima Yoshiro, M.D, Ph.D. President, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine along with M/s. M. Isogawa, Inui Noboru, Miss Masuda Emiko etc. visited at the project site at Daudpur in Sylhet District on October 9. The committee was impressed at the selection of the site. It consists of over 3 (three) acres of land donated by the family of late Khan Bahadur Gousuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, father of M/s. E.A. Chowdhury, N.A. Chowdhury and I.A. Chowdhury. The donors will also depute their representatives to visit project from time to time. The project will be executed by SARA through a local project committee to be appointed by the Governing Body.