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Denmark and UNDP joins hand to enhance Local Governance in Bangladesh

Dhaka: To enhance decentralization and local governance in Bangladesh, the Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA) signed an agreement today with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support the Local Government Support Programme - Learning Innovation Component (LGSP-LIC). Denmark will provide 12 million Danish Kroners (equivalent to US\$ 2 million) as part of its development cooperation with the Government of Bangladesh under the Human Rights and Good Governance Programme Phase II till December 2010.

Mr. Einar H. Jensen, Ambassador of the Royal Danish Embassy in Dhaka signed for the Government of Denmark while Mr. Manoj Basnyat, Country Director of UNDP Bangladesh, signed on behalf of UNDP.

The project aims to improve Union Parishad capacity for effective, efficient and accountable delivery of pro-poor infrastructure and services. Through its activities in six selected districts, the project will provide learning and innovation for application in the wider Local Government Support Programme (LGSP), and it will support achievement of the goals of the PRSP and the Millennium Development Goals.

LGSP-LIC is a five-year project under national execution of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.

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