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PRESS RELEASE

Dhaka, 09 October 2025- Today a Loan Agreement on "**Second Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Development Project-Phase 2**" of USD 100 million [Ordinary Operations (Concessional)] has been signed in Dhaka between the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB). **Mr. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky**, Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance and **Mr. Hoe Yun Jeong**, Country Director, Bangladesh Resident Mission, ADB signed the loan agreement on behalf of GoB and ADB respectively. A Project Agreement has also been signed between Bangladesh Bank and ADB. On behalf of Bangladesh Bank, **Mr. S.M. Abdul Hakim**, Executive Director-1 (Grade-1) signed the Project Agreement in this regard. Senior officials of the Government of Bangladesh and ADB along with **Mr. Shigeo Shimizu**, Executive Director for Japan, ADB were present in the signing ceremony.

Financial Institutions Division is the executing agency and Bangladesh Bank is the implementing agency for this project. Implementation period for the Project is September 2025 to March 2030. The main objective of this project is to support small and medium enterprises by providing medium and short-term credit facilities outside Dhaka and Chittagong City Corporation areas in private sector. This [Ordinary Operations (Concessional)] loan is repayable in 25 years with a 5-years grace period. Yearly interest rate for this loan is 2.00%.

ADB is one of the largest multilateral Development Partners of Bangladesh. ADB has been extending assistance to the country since it became a member in 1973. ADB's total loan to Bangladesh till now is nearly USD 34.32 billion and total grant is USD 633.8 million. Development assistance of ADB mainly focuses on power, energy, local government, transport, education, agriculture, health, water resources, governance and financial sectors of Bangladesh.


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