

**Remarkable Information of the ongoing project titled "Installation of Prepaid Gas Meter for TGTDCCL"**

For the installation of 2 lac prepaid gas meters the project titled "Installation of Prepaid Gas Meter for TGTDCCL" financed by JICA, GOB and TGTDCCL under the Natural Gas Efficiency Project (BD-P78) of Japan's 35th ODA loan package, is at implementation stage. Already the installation and activation work of all the meters (2 lac) have been accomplished in the areas: Banani, Badda, Bhasantek, Bimanbandar, Cantonment, Uttara East, Uttara West, Uttar Khan, Dakshin Khan, Darus-Salam, Gulshan, Hatirjheel, Kafrul, Khilgaon, Khilkhet, Mirpur, Pallabi, Rampura, Rupnagar, Shah Ali, Sher e Bangla Nagar, Tejgaon, and Vatara. As per the approved RDPP (1st Revised), the total cost of the project is Tk. 498.9432 crore (JICA Tk. 440.6822 crore, GOB Tk. 56.9182 crore and TGTDCCL Tk. 1.3428 crore) and project duration is from January 2015 to December 2020.

The main objective of the project is to reduce system loss of gas caused by domestic end users within Dhaka Metropolitan Area. Other objectives are to make significant contribution towards conservation of natural gas, to improve natural gas utilization efficiency, management efficiency, reduced monitoring cost and a positive environmental impact.

An agreement with Pegasus International (UK) Ltd., foreign consulting firm, was signed on 07 October 2015 for providing consultancy services to implement the project and the consultants commenced their work on 19 October 2015. Afterwards, an agreement was signed between TGTDCCL and Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) contractor Toyokeiki Co. Ltd., Japan on 16 March 2017 and the agreement went into effect from 20 March 2017 in accordance with JICA's concurrence. The meter installation program in the customer's premises started from 17 September 2017.

The overall work of Data Center (DC) and Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) has been accomplished. Under the agreement with United Commercial Bank (UCB) Limited 555 POS's (point of sale) have been set up in different locations around the Dhaka City and customers can easily recharge prepaid cards from those points.

The RADP allocation of the project for the fiscal year 2019-20 was Tk 86.45 crore and actual expenditure was 86.02 crore i.e., financial progress of fiscal year 2019-20 is 99.50%. Till date the Physical Progress of the project is 95%.

The main features of the pre-payment system are easy payment of gas bill, easy access to information, improved customer service, uninterrupted security and protection in using gas, and

conservation of natural gas for future generations by using the latest prepaid card. It is observed that the use of prepaid meters increases consumer awareness to prevent wastage of natural gas and the possibility of saving gas by the domestic users.

Noteworthy that for the installation of additional 1.20 lac prepaid meters under this project, proposed RDPP (2nd Revision) with the proposition of extending the project implementation period by 2 years, is under approval process.