

## UGC, JSPS agree to extend MOU

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The Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) and Bangladesh University Grant Commission (UGC) has agreed to extend the effectiveness of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the financial years of 1999-2003, in a consultation meeting in Tokyo on Tuesday, said a DU press release.

The MOU will be executed by the concerned authorities. The revised fields of the MOU cover all areas of science including social sciences and medical science.

They have also agreed to increase the number of annual allocation and the period of stay for Bangladeshi scientists. Earlier, the duration of stay for the scientists was for few weeks and as per MOU it would be extended to one year or more with increased amount of allocation.

Expenses of international collaborative research of both Japanese and Bangladeshi scientists will be borne by JSPS and UGC. The JSPS and UGC have also agreed to identify the areas of collaborative research between Japanese and Bangladeshi scientists.