CR-980-BD  The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a credit of $50 million to help Bangladesh import industrial components, chemicals, raw materials and spare parts to enable selected high-priority industries to reach their full production potential. The following industries are expected to benefit from the credit: textiles; paper and board; fertilizers, export-oriented industries (excluding jute); steel and foundry; chemicals and pharmaceuticals; sugar; and cement. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 80/29)

CR-990-BD  The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a credit of $37 million to help finance a low lift pump irrigation project in Bangladesh. The $48 million project includes the provision of 8,500 new lift pumps, together with spares to replace unserviceable units; the rehabilitation of 5,000 low lift pumps; the initiation of pump sales to farmers with provision of credit from commercial banks; the provision of tools, equipment and vehicles for the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation and a training program for pump mechanics and operators. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 80/30)

CR-1001-BD  The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a credit of $20 million for the second water supply project in Chittagong, Bangladesh. The $39.7 million project includes a new water intake and treatment plant with a capacity of 20 million imperial gallons a day, six tubewells, increase in the treatment capacity of an existing iron removal plant and associated distribution works. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 80/31)

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on April 4, 1980, were, seated from left to right: Mr. Syeduz-Zaman, Alternate Executive Director of WORLD BANK/IDA for Bangladesh; Mr. M. Narasimham, Executive Director of WORLD BANK/IDA for Bangladesh; His Excellency Tabarak Husain, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States; and Mr. David W. Hopper, Vice President, South Asia Region, WORLD BANK/IDA.

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