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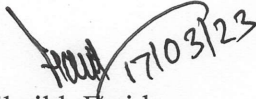
**Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo Celebrates Bangabandhu's 103rd Birth Anniversary and
National Children's Day 2023**

The Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo observed the 103rd Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day-2023 today (17 March 2023) with festivity through a series of day-long extensive programs. The day's program was inaugurated in the morning by placing a floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation located at the Bangabandhu auditorium of the Embassy. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed then hoisted the national flag along with rendition of national anthem in presence of all Embassy officials and invited guests from Bangladesh community living in Japan. This was followed by the offering of special prayer (*munajat*) for the salvation of the souls of the Father of the Nation and his family members. The messages issued by Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister of Foreign Affairs on the occasion were read out by Embassy officials.

In his welcome remarks, Ambassador Ahmed paid homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and explained the significance of the 17th March. The Ambassador shed light on the life and achievement of Bangabandhu. He also explained how the birth of Bangladesh is intertwined with the birth of Bangabandhu. The ambassador stated that Bangabandhu had a charismatic leadership quality and magnetic appeal to his people. He possessed a lion-heart full of courage but at the same time kindness and love for mass people including children. Referring this theme of the National Children's Day of this year, the Ambassador said the dream of a smart Bangladesh will come true if the future generation of the country can be raised from an early age as creative and patriotic citizens with humanitarian values though providing them with modern education. He urges upon all irrespective of age to learn from the life, struggle and ideology of Bangabandhu and promote equal rights of the children.

A discussion on the significance of the day was held where a significant number of Bangladesh community members took part. The speakers said Bangabandhu ensured all rights of the children in the constitution of Bangladesh. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman formulated the Children Act in 1974 and restructured the Girls Guide Association. The discussants thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for making and implementing the National Action Plan for Preventing Violence Against Children and Women, 2013-2025. They committed to strengthening the efforts of the government to promote and protect the rights of the children to give them a fair chance to flourish. A special documentary on the life of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was screened.

The Embassy arranged a program in the evening for children and their family. The evening segment of the day's program featured placing a floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation by the children, family members along with the Ambassador. The Ambassador made a brief remark to the children encouraging them to read books on Father of the Nation Bangabandhu to learn his human qualities, values and ideas. Children charmed all present with their colorful performance. A documentary was screened on the life of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Ambassador then cut a cake with the cheerful children to mark this occasion. Finally, all the children who participated in the event received a special gift box from the Ambassador.


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