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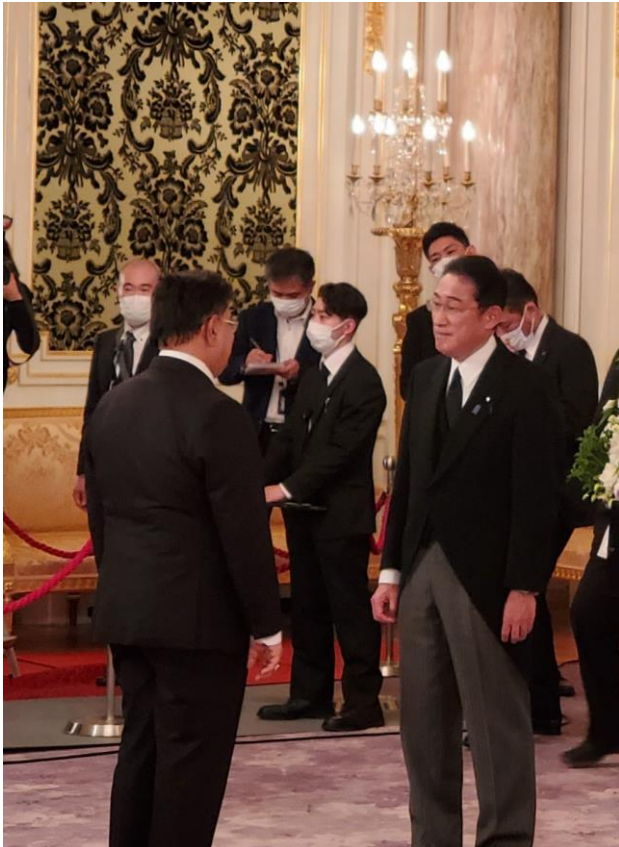


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Tokyo



Hon’ble Foreign Minister, Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, attends the State Funeral for the former Prime Minister ABE Shinzo

HE Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, Hon’ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh led a high-level delegation to attend the State Funeral for the former Prime Minister of Japan, ABE Shinzo, on 27 September 2022 held at the Nippon Budokan in Tokyo. Mrs. Selima Ahmad, Hon'ble Member of the Parliament (Cumilla-2), and H.E Mr.



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Hosoda, Hon’ble Speaker of the House of Representatives; Mr. Hidehisa Otsuji, Hon’ble speaker of the House of Councilors; Mr. Saburo Tokura, Hon’ble Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and finally former Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga as a representative of Abe’s closest colleagues. This segment was followed by paying respect of imperial envoys at the altar on behalf of Their Majesties the Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako as well as other members of the Imperial family., Emperor Emeritus Akihito and Empress Emerita Michiko. Foreign dignitaries including Bangladesh delegation led by the Hon’ble Foreign Minister also placed floral wreaths at the altar. Finally, the ceremony ended with the sending off Abe’s remains.

Later in the evening, the Hon’ble Foreign Minister met Hon’ble Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio at the Greetings Occasion held at the Akasaka Palace for head of delegations. He conveyed deepest condolences on behalf of him, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the government, and people of Bangladesh to Prime Minister Kishida. H.E Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh, Mr. Shah Asif Rahman, Deputy Chief of Mission and Mr. Md Emdadul Islam Chowdhury, Director General, Foreign Minister’s Office also accompanied.



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Soon after his arrival in Tokyo, the Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan at the Foreign Ministry in the evening of 26 September 2022. This is the second meeting between the two Foreign Ministers in Tokyo following their meeting in April, 2022. The meeting gave opportunity to discuss bilateral, regional and international issues including elections at the UN

and other forum. The other members of the Bangladesh side comprised of Mrs. Selima Ahmad, Hon'ble Member of the Parliament; H.E Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh; Mr. Shah Asif Rahman, Deputy Chief of Mission; Mr. Sheikh Farid, Counsellor and HOC; Mr. Md Emdadul Islam Chowdhury, Director General, Foreign Minister's Office and Ms. Tushita Chakma, Counsellor.



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H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed made a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Takei Shunsuke, State Minister for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Ministry of Japan on 01 September 2022. Ambassador Ahmed congratulated Mr. Takei Shunsuke and handed over the original congratulatory letter on his appointment from State Minister Md. Shahriar Alam, MP. Mr. Takei Shunsuke recalled his visit to Bangladesh as Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2017 and said that he is keen to increase the friendship with Bangladesh. Minister Shunsuke expressed gratefulness to the government and people of Bangladesh for observing State mourning as well as adoption of condolence motion at the Cabinet and Parliament respectively on the sad demise of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Both sides discussed recent matters of bilateral interest. Ambassador Ahmed requested for more Japanese investment in the areas of trade, investment, infrastructure, agriculture, ICT, blue economy, renewable energy and human resources development. The



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two sides also discussed possibility of an FTA and or other mechanism to further increase trade and commerce beyond Bangladesh’s graduation from LDC category in 2026. Ambassador Ahmed also apprised the state minister on the Rohingya crisis and sought his personal attention to pursue Myanmar for the early, safe, dignified and sustainable repatriation of Rohingyas to Myanmar. In reply, Minister Shunsuke thanked Bangladesh for providing shelter to the displaced Rohingyas and assured that they are going to provide assistance to Bangladesh in providing the refugees and would continue to work together in addressing the issue.

H.E. Ambassador earlier met Mr. TAKAGI Kei, the new Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs responsible for Bangladesh following the Cabinet reshuffle in August, 2022 by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio.

H.E. Ambassador was assisted by Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Shah Asif Rahman and Mr. Sheikh Farid, Counsellor and HOC from the Embassy side.

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Japan attended the 50th Anniversary celebration event of Shapla Neer

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Japan attended the 50th Anniversary celebration event of Shapla Neer, a Japanese non-profit organization working in Bangladesh, at a local hotel in Tokyo on 3 September 2022. During his speech he congratulated the members of Shapla Neer for their dedicated social work and contributions in social development in Bangladesh. He hoped that they will continue to do the benevolent work in Bangladesh with a view to bring in more positive changes in the society. He also assured the Embassy’s necessary support to Shapla Neer whenever possible. In the program, among others, Mr. Kazutaka Sakaguchi, Chairperson of Shapla Neer; Mr. Hideki Kusakabe, Deputy Assistant Minister, International Cooperation, Japanese Ministry of



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Foreign Affairs; Mr. Fukuda Shigeki, Director General, JICA; Mr. Yuichi Tanada, Deputy Chairperson, Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) delivered speech. They described about the activities of Shapla Neer in Bangladesh over the last five decades and a video was also displayed. The celebratory event was concluded by a



brief cultural program performed by Bangladeshi artists. Mr. Syed Nasir Ershad, Economic Minister and Mr. Shah Asif Rahman, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy accompanied the Ambassador.

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Ichiguchi's future role as the Chief Representative in JICA Bangladesh office will be more fruitful and productive; and thus, Bangladesh will be immensely benefitted by his contributions. The Ambassador also assured him of all possible cooperation from the Embassy whenever required. Economic Minister Syed Nasir Ershad, Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Shah Asif Rahman, Minister (Commerce) Dr. Ariful Haque, Counsellor & HOC Sheikh Farid and First Secretary (Labor) Mr. Md. Zoynal Abedin were present at the meeting. After the meeting, Mr. Ichiguchi visited the Bangabandhu corner at the Embassy premises and signed the guest book.



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Embassy of Bangladesh organized a Networking Event

Embassy of Bangladesh organized a Networking Event with Bangladesh Business Delegates in collaboration with UNIDO ITPO on 30 September 2022 at Bangabandhu Auditorium of the embassy. Business delegates from 16 Bangladeshi companies attended the event. H.E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed gave welcome remarks and assured all possible support from embassy to the businessmen. Minister (Commerce) of the embassy, Dr. Ariful Haque delivered presentation on

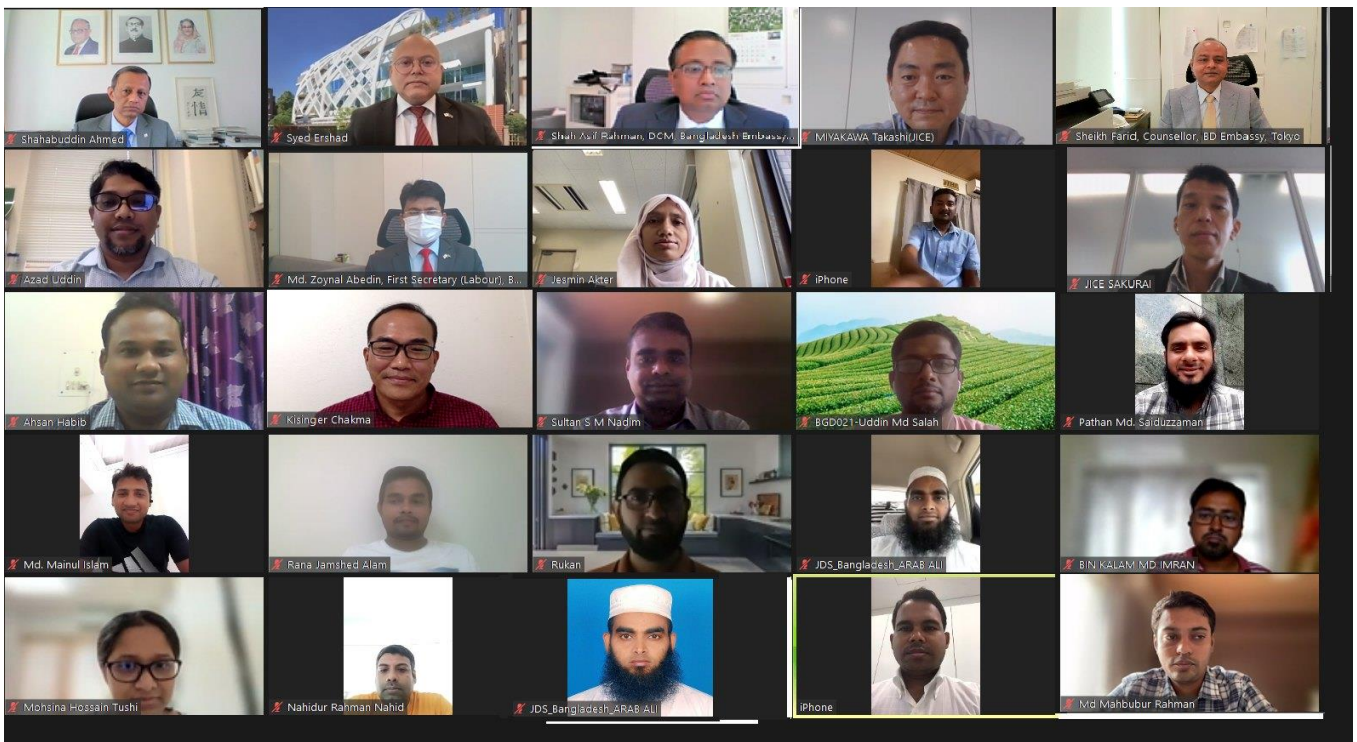
"Facilitating and Promoting Bilateral Trade and Investment". The other speakers include Mr. Jalalul Hai, Vice President, JBCCI, Ms Ikue Toshinaga, UNIDO Tokyo Office, Mr. Ariful Hoque, Director, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA). Later, delegates gave their valuable suggestions on enhancing bilateral business with Japan through interactive discussions. Embassy Officials also attended and contributed to the event.



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Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo organized an online seminar for the outgoing JDS fellows

On 14 Sep 2022, Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo organized an online seminar for the outgoing JDS fellows. H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Japan attended the seminar as chief guest. As many as 33 fellows (30 Masters and 3 Phd) have completed their degrees this year and are leaving Japan. The Ambassador congratulated them on their success and expressed hope that they are now ready and eager to serve the country and its people with



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renewed passion. H.E. wished them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors. On behalf of Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), Mr. Sakurai Takayuki made a presentation on the current status of the JDS fellowship program. Then number of fellows provided their feedback one after another about their study and stay in Japan over the last few years and also submitted a few suggestions. Then Mr. Sheikh Farid, Counsellor and HOC of the Embassy, who is also a former JDS fellow, made a presentation about the roles that the returnee JDS fellows can play in realizing the targets of our perspective plan ‘vision 2041’. While Mr. MIYAKAWA Takashi, Country Director of JICE at the



JDS Project Office in Bangladesh shared their final comments, Mr. Syed Nasir Ershad, Economic Minister of the Embassy delivered the closing remarks.



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Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan, H.E Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed paid a courtesy call on with Mr. ARIMA Yutaka the new Director-General/Assistant Minister for Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Division at the Foreign Ministry of Japan on 14 September 2022. Ambassador Shahabuddin congratulated Mr. Yutaka on his appointment at the helm of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Division looking after countries including Bangladesh. Both sides took the opportunity to also discuss ongoing bilateral matters.

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A delegation of ASAHI SHOKUHIN CO., LTD. and Fujitsu Ltd., met H.E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed on 12 September 2022. They expressed interest to explore business opportunity in Bangladesh. Mr. Tomonari Hamamura, Overseas Business Division of ASAHI SHOKUHIN CO., LTD. made a presentation and explained about their plan to start business in Bangladesh. H.E Ambassador assured all possible support to their endeavors to explore business opportunities in Bangladesh. Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy Dr. Ariful Haque briefed on opportunities, facilities and incentives in doing business and investing in Bangladesh. Economic Minister Mr. Syed Nasir Ershad, Counsellor & HOC Mr. Sheikh Farid and First Secretary (Labor) Mr. Md. Zoynal Abedin were also present at the meeting and provided suggestions.



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