

Newsletter

Bangladesh Embassy Tokyo

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H.E. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed attends a reception organized by Japan Bangladesh Society (JBS) in Tokyo

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed attended a reception on 14 December 2022, organized by Japan Bangladesh Society (JBS) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Japan. JBS, formed in 2014, has been working with the embassy in promoting bilateral relations and providing a platform to individual and business houses of Japanese and Bangladeshi origin to come together. It has more than 100 individual and 70 corporate members, many of whom attended the event together with the Board of Directors of JBS. Ambassador Naoki Ito;

Ambassador-designate of Japan to Bangladesh, Iwama Kiminori; Teruo Asada, Chairman JBCCEC and representatives from MOFA, METI and JICA were present. Ambassador Watanabe, President of JBS welcomed the participants. Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary), Ambassador Masud Bin Momen sent a video message, which was screened at the event.

From the Embassy, Deputy Chief of Mission, Shah Asif Rahman; Economic Minister, Syed Nasir Ershad and Counsellor, Mohammed Bashir also attended the event.



H.E. Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed addresses the audience.

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Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo celebrated Migrants Week and International Migrants Day 2022 with due importance and significance. On December 18, 2022, a programme was organized at the Bangabandhu Auditorium of the Embassy in the presence of a significant number of manpower sending, recruiting and remittances sending organizations and their representatives. A large number of expatriates from various sectors of Bangladeshi community living in Japan, current and aspiring CIP and prominent businessmen, technical interns, language students and embassy officials and staffs participated and interacted enthusiastically during the observance of the Migrant Day 2022. This year the Government of Bangladesh selected the motto “থাকব ভালো, রাখব ভালো দেশ; বৈধ পথে প্রবাসী আয়-গড়ব বাংলাদেশ” to encourage more remittances to the country through legal channel in order to help building

the country and its people. In his remark, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed thanked the migrants and expatriate community in Japan for sending their hard-earned remittances to Bangladesh which helps their family directly and critical for advancing the country. He recalled and acknowledged the invaluable contribution of the remittance sent by them over the years to the economy of Bangladesh and requested that they should continue the same by sending remittances through legal channel. He urged them to maintain discipline and abide by the laws of the land in Japan and to work with more patriotism, devotion and honesty in upholding the reputation of the country. He informed that 67 people have been honored as Commercially Important Person (CIP) among the Non-Resident Bangladeshi in 2020 including 3 Japanese expats. He hoped that the number of Bangladeshi expats living in Japan in CIP category will increase in the future.



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Glorious Victory Day Observed in Tokyo

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Japan celebrated the Glorious 51st Victory Day on 16th December 2022 with due fervor and solemnity. A significant number of Bangladeshi expatriates, Japanese dignitaries, academicians and Embassy officials attended the program held at the Bangabandhu auditorium in the Embassy by following existing Covid-19 health

protocol. The program started in the morning with the hoisting of the national flag by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed along with rendition of the national anthem in the presence of community members, Embassy officers and staff. This was followed by observance of 01 (one) minute silence in memory of the martyrs of the Liberation War.

Later, the programme continued with offering special prayer (*munajat*) for the salvation of the souls of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members, Liberation War martyrs, four national leaders and for the continued peace and prosperity of the country as well as for the wellbeing of the Bangladeshi expatriate Community. The messages issued by Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs on the occasion of Victory Day-2022 were read out by Embassy officials. Ambassador Shahabuddin paid rich tribute to the Greatest Bengali of all times and Architect of independent Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and all martyrs of 15 August 1975, the four national leaders and all martyred freedom fighters, those who were injured and also the 2 lac women who lost their dignity in the nine-month long war. He recalled with deep gratitude the support extended by the Government and the people of Japan, and the Friends of Bangladesh here to our liberation movement and struggle for independence. He said Japan continued to be our true friend and trusted partner in our development pursuit since independence. He underscored that the foundation of our strong bilateral relations was laid down by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman during his visit to Japan in 1973 and has strengthened our friendship. Over the years, especially in the last 13 years her able daughter Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through her visits in 2010, 2014, 2016 and 2019 has created a robust and multifaceted relations with Japan. Especially, he mentioned the bilateral relations was

elevated to a “Comprehensive partnership” in 2014. Both the countries are working together to take the relations to a new height in the coming days. Ambassador Shahabuddin said that there is ample opportunity to further expand the economic, trade and commercial relations between Bangladesh and Japan. Bangladesh welcomed Japan's technical and financial investments in Bangladesh under the Bay of Bengal Industrial Growth Belt (BIG-B) initiative which complemented Bangladesh Government's effort in augmenting infrastructure, communications, power and energy sectors. Further investment from Japan is expected in the coming days as the Japan specific Economic Zone in Narayanganj has been inaugurated on 06 December 2022 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. A few mega projects being built under Japanese assistance are at the final stages of completion to strengthen infrastructure for business and improve the country's ease of doing business rating. He thanked all to join the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh in 2021 and the 50th anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Bangladesh and Japan this year. The event was graced by the presence of Japanese dignitaries including Ambassador Matsushiro Horiguchi, Ambassador Masato Watanabe, Ambassador Kiyokazu Ota and Professor Otsubo, who gifted the half bust of Bangabandhu to the Embassy. They congratulated Bangladesh on the 51st glorious victory day and talked about their involvement with Bangladesh over all these years. After the Japanese dignitaries, a significant number of Bangladesh community members took part in a lively discussion.



The Embassy of Bangladesh in Japan celebrated the Glorious 51st Victory Day on 16th December 2022

Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo celebrated the Digital Bangladesh Day 2022

The Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo has celebrated the Digital Bangladesh Day 2022 on 12 December 2022 in a befitting manner with the theme “Advanced technology, Inclusive Development”. All embassy officers and officials attended the event. The day’s program started in the morning with playing theme song of the event. This was followed by the remarks of H.E. the Ambassador. In his remarks, H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan paid profound homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. H.E. the Ambassador said the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina declared the “Vision 2021” to turn

our country to a “Digital Bangladesh”. Since 2009, under this vision, the government has been working relentlessly in ensuring people’s rights, maintaining transparency, accountability and ensuring delivery of government services through maximum use of technology and digital platforms. The use of ICT in daily life has improved over the past 13 years and changed the lifestyle of general people in Bangladesh. After the remarks of H.E. the Ambassador, the participants engaged in open discussion and highlighted the various aspect of digitizing Bangladesh that have spurred our overall advancement. A video presentation on the Progress of Digital Bangladesh was screened at the event.



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