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**Press Release**

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**Sheikh Russel Day 2022 observed in Tokyo with much enthusiasm and fervor**

Today (18 October 2022) the Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo observed the Sheikh Russel Day 2022 to mark the 59<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of the Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in a befitting manner. A significant number of Bangladesh community members in Tokyo attended the event despite being a working day. The day's program started in the morning with placing of floral wreath at the portrait of Sheikh Russel while playing the theme song of Sheikh Russel Day on the screen. This was followed by a special prayer offered to the memory of Sheikh Russel and all family members of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The messages issued by the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion were read out by Embassy officials.

In his remarks, H.E. the Ambassador paid profound homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and prayed for his departed soul. He paid rich tributes to Shaheed Sheikh Russel, who was brutally killed along with most of his family members, including his father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, on the fateful night of August 15, 1975, at a tender age of 10. He was a student of class four at University Laboratory School in Dhaka. He recalled that on his birthday on 18 October 1973, Sheikh Russel travelled to Japan with his Father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. During the visit, Sheikh Russel was found enjoying the activities with childish enthusiasm and cheerful behavior. He added that as son of Bangabandhu, Sheikh Russel also loved people. As a child he also liked pigeon, fish and would love to ride bicycle. The documentary of the day had several shots of Sheikh Russel taken from that visit. Russel will be remembered for his love and amiability for people around him and our children should learn these values as nation remembers him on this day.

A discussion on the life of Sheikh Russel was held following the address of H.E. the Ambassador where a good number of Bangladesh community members participated. The speakers discussed various aspects of the life of young Sheikh Russel, the affection that Sheikh Hasina as the eldest sister held for him and how a promising young life ended with brutal assassination. They said the beautiful and innocent face of Sheikh Russel is the symbol of innocence, love and affection, which will never fade away from the heart of the people of Bangladesh and will continue to encourage us in putting all our efforts to the betterment of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. A documentary was screened on the life of Sheikh Russel followed by a cake cutting ceremony where all embassy officials and community members took part.



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