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Press Release

52nd Independence and National Day observed in Tokyo

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo observed the 52nd Independence and National day today in a befitting manner. In the morning, the day's programme started with placing a floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation located at the Embassy premises by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed and all the Embassy officials.

Ambassador Shahabuddin hoisted the national flag along with rendition of national anthem in presence of all Embassy officials. This was followed by observance of 01 (one) minute silence in remembrance of the Father of the Nation, his family members who embraced martyrdom on 15 August 1975 and to the memories of the 3 million martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the liberation war. Special prayer (munajat) was offered for the salvation of the souls of the Father of the Nation, his family members and for the continued peace, progress, and prosperity of the country in the coming years. 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 "the 52nd Independence and National day" were read out by Embassy officials.

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed paid his deepest homage to the Greatest Bengali of All Time, the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, under whose charismatic leadership Bangladesh was born as an independent and sovereign state in 1971. Ambassador Shahabuddin urged all to play their due role in fulfilling the Bangabandhu's dream of "Sonar Bangla" or Golden Bengal by implementing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Vision 2041 to build a modern and developed "Smart Bangladesh" by 2041.

The Embassy has brought out special newspaper supplements in mainstream major English daily newspaper - Japan News and also in a widely circulated Japanese newspaper - The Yomiuri Shimbun on the occasion. To celebrate the auspicious occasion, the Embassy will hold a reception also on Monday, the 27th March in hotel New Otani- a renowned hotel holding memories of our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's stay in Tokyo in 1973. A significant number of guests including Ministers, Parliament Members, Ambassadors, representatives of different diplomatic missions, high officials from different ministries and agencies, renowned businesspersons, academicians, journalists from Japan and Bangladeshi expatriates are expected to attend to celebrate the special day.

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