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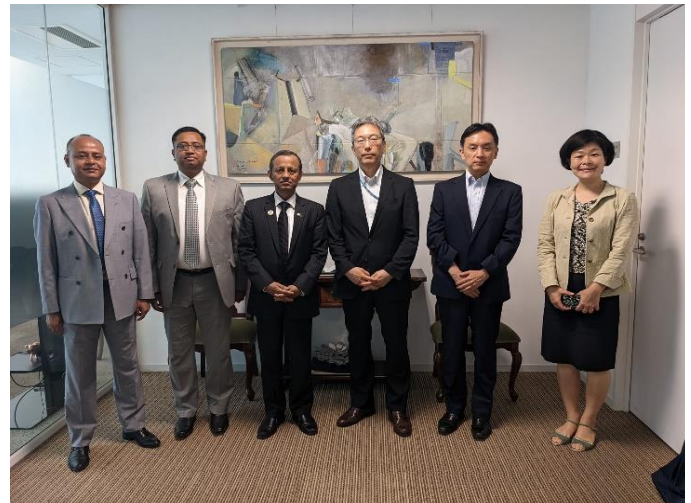
## Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs of the Ministry of Environment of Japan met H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed

Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs of the Ministry of Environment of Japan, Mr. ONO Hiroshi met Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed at the Embassy on 01 August 2022. Mr. ONO was accompanied by Mr. KOBAYASHI Yasuyuki, Director, Global Environment Division, International Cooperation Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ms.

TOMOKO Ichikawa, Deputy Director, Environmental Management Bureau of the Ministry of Environment. DCM, Mr. Shah Asif Rahman and Counsellor, Mr. Sheikh Farid attended the meeting. The two sides discussed issues of mutual interest with focus on environment and climate change.



*Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs of the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Mr. ONO Hiroshi visited H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed*



## Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo Observed 73rd Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed and all officials of the Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo paid deep respect while observing the 73<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The program started in the morning with placing of floral wreath at the portrait of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal to show deep respect. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed and all officials joined in offering special prayer for Late

Sheikh Kamal and all martyred family members of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The messages issued by the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion were read out by Embassy officials.

Later in his remarks on the occasion, Ambassador Shahabuddin termed Sheikh Kamal as the “ideal son of an ideal father”, Ambassador highlighted some examples of his vibrant and youthful life and works. He mentioned that Sheikh Kamal was a iconic figure to the





student and youth of our country. He not only participated in the politics, liberation war and other movements but also being a youthful character and multitalented person was pioneer in sports and cultural activities in the independent Bangladesh. People who came to know him was amazed to see his personality. His short span of life was full of stories of creation and immense potential. The country was unlucky that he had such a short span of life. Ambassador Ahmed remembered with deep sadness Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib and other members of the Father of the Nation who along with Sheikh Kamal embraced martyrdom on the fateful night of August 15, 1975.

A discussion on the life and work of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal was held following the address of the Ambassador. The speakers recalled the contribution of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal in various areas including his involvement in the mass upsurge of 1969 and active participation in the liberation war of 1971. The discussants recalled his significant contribution in sports and cultural development as well as involving youth in social activities in the newly independent Bangladesh. The programme ended with a documentary screening on the life and work of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal.



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed made a remark on the 73<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal*



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed along with embassy officers and staff placed floral wreath at the portrait of Shaheed Captain Sheikh Kamal*

## **The Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo observed the 92nd Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib**

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib, wife of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman observed in the Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo on August 08, 2022. Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan, H.E. Shahabuddin Ahmed and all officials of the Embassy were present at the occasion.

The program started in the morning with the placing of floral wreath at the portrait of Bangamata Fazilatun Nesa Mujib. H.E. Ambassador and all present joined in the special prayer for the salvation of the martyred souls of

Bangabandhu, Bangamata and her family members. Prayers were made for the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the continued peace, progress and prosperity of people of Bangladesh. The messages issued by the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion were read out by Embassy officials.

Later, H.E. the Ambassador in his remarks highlighted the various aspects of the life and contribution of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib in various stages of our independence struggle especially as an able partner and inspiration for Bangabandhu her entire life. She was



a silent follower of Bangabandhu in all his personal, social and political activities providing important and timely advice and assistance. Bangamata showed extraordinary skill and courage in carrying out responsibilities both at managing the family and on many occasion the party, when Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was detained in Jail. Without directly involved in party, she became a symbol of women's political empowerment.

Ambassador Ahmed touched upon on the noble and inspiring characteristics of Bangamata by saying she was

an ideal lady. As a mother, she was soft and caring but when needed she was stern in taking decision and supported Bangabandhu for the cause of the country. He urged the new generation to learn from the extraordinary sacrifice, courage, patriotism, apt and visionary traits of Bangamata's life and work.

The program ended with screening a video documentary on the life, sacrifices and struggle of Bangamata Fazilatun Nessa Mujib.



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## Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended the Annual Peace Memorial Ceremony in Nagasaki

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended the Annual Peace Memorial Ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 held in the Peace Park in Nagasaki City. Approximately 1,600 people including atomic bomb survivors and bereaved family members, as well as representatives of 83 nations and regions, the European Union,

international organizations such as the United Nations, and others attended the ceremony marking the 77th anniversary of the atomic bombing, praying for the repose of the souls of the atomic bomb victims and for world peace. Prime Minister of Japan H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida also attended the ceremony.

On the previous afternoon, the Ambassador laid a floral wreath at the cenotaph of the Peace Memorial Park and observed a moment of silence. He offered prayer for the repose of the souls of the atomic bomb victims and for everlasting world peace.

Earlier, Mr. Shah Asif Rahman, Deputy Chief of Mission





represented the Embassy at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony on 06 August 2022.



*H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended the Annual Peace Memorial Ceremony in Nagasaki City*



### **Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended the concluding session of a Multidisciplinary Research Workshop held in Tokyo**

Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended the concluding session of a day-long workshop titled “Multidisciplinary Research Workshop at 50 Years of

Bangladesh”, organized by the Network of Bangladeshi Researchers in Japan (NBRJ) on 12 August 2022.



*H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended the concluding session of a day-long workshop titled “Multidisciplinary Research Workshop at 50 Years of Bangladesh”*



The workshop aimed at sharing the research achievements of NBRJ members to provide a common platform for future multidisciplinary research collaboration and intellectual stimulation. Nearly 30 researchers from Japanese universities and research organizations participated at the event and presented their research outcomes relevant to Bangladesh. In his concluding remarks, Ambassador Ahmed congratulated the distinguished

members of NBRJ for their dedicated contributions. He encouraged their research work that would add value to the standing of expatriate Bangladeshis in Japan. Ambassador said the research and innovation by the Bangladeshi researchers living in Japan will not only benefit Japan but also Bangladesh in the coming days. Mentionable that the NBRJ, as a non-profit association, commenced its activities in 2020 by the collaborative efforts of

Bangladeshi-origin researchers working at different universities, research organizations, industries and corporate sectors across Japan. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Shah Asif Rahman, Deputy Chief of Mission and Sheikh Farid, Counsellor, and Head of Chancery of the Embassy. Mr. Syed Nasir Ershad, Economic Minister of the Embassy attended the morning session.

### **Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo has observed the National Mourning Day-2022**

Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo has observed the National Mourning Day and the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martyrdom of the greatest Bengali of all time and the great architect of Bangladesh's independence, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman paying deep respect and in a solemn manner on August 15, 2022.

The program began in the morning at the Embassy premises with hoisting of the national flag at half-mast

by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed. The national anthem was played at this time. After this, one-minute silence was observed followed by a special dowa and munajat for the salvation of the martyred souls of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, his family members and all other martyrs of 15th August, 1975 with the participation of all Embassy officials and sizeable number of expatriate Bangladeshis present.



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed delivered speech on the National Mourning Day-2022*



*Laying a floral wreath by Embassy officials at the portrait of Bangabandhu on the National Mourning Day*

Later at the Bangabandhu Auditorium, Ambassador Ahmed and other participants paid deepest homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by laying a floral wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu. Messages of the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs issued on the occasion were read out to the audience.

In his remarks, Ambassador Shahabuddin paid profound homage to the greatest Bengali of all time and Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as he dreamt for freedom of his Bengali people and their independent statehood. Under the visionary, fearless and strong leadership of the Father of the Nation, the Bengali Nation was united to forge a struggle for independence and fought liberation war to attain an independent country, Bangladesh and a national identity, Bangalee, at the global stage. Immediate after independence, under





his leadership, Bangladesh joined all major international and regional bodies and established bilateral relations with large number of countries including Japan thus firmly establishing Bangladesh's place in the world stage. Bangabandhu is not with us today, but his dream, ideals and directives are still guiding us in the pathway for emancipation of Bangladesh. Under the leadership of his daughter and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh will implement the Vision 2041 to build a poverty free, modern and developed country as dreamt by Bangabandhu as his Sonar Bangla, Ambassador expressed his resolve.

A discussion on the significance of the day was held following a documentary screening on the life and work of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In this segment, a significant number of Bangladeshi community members and professionals working in Japan highlighted the significance of the day and vowed to turn the grief of losing Bangabandhu into strength to work unitedly in strengthening the hands of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to further develop the country and fulfil the dream of Bangabandhu to create 'Sonar Bangla'.

### **Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended 'Study and Work in Japan Webinars 2022' as Chief Guest**

The University of Tokyo Bangladesh Office under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) is organizing series of webinars titled 'Study and Work in Japan Webinars 2022'. The main purpose of this webinar is to disseminate information about the prospect and procedure of study in Japanese universities among potential Bangladeshi students. The first session of the webinar was held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session was held on August 19, 2022 where H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Japan delivered speech as the Chief Guest. Four universities, namely (i) Yokohama National University, (ii) Keio University Shonan Fujisawa

Campus, (iii) Eikei University of Hiroshima and (iv) Kyoto University of Advanced Science Faculty of Engineering made their presentations in the webinar.

In his speech the Ambassador acknowledged that Bangladesh is getting cooperation from Japan in many areas. Still there is scope of enhancing the collaboration in many sectors. Currently, a good number of Bangladeshis are studying in various universities and educational institutions in Japan. Some of the Bangladeshis are researchers, some are even working as faculty members in Japanese institutions. Since there is prospect of increasing the number of foreign students in Japan, we should try to disseminate proper information

among the potential Bangladeshi students as much as possible. Thus, today's seminar is extremely important where four universities will present their cases-the Ambassador added. He also said that these series of webinars will be extremely helpful for the potential students of Bangladesh to take informed decision about where to study, in which subject, what will be the admission procedure, scholarship opportunities, how will be the living condition in Japan, etc. He concluded by thanking the organizer and wishing success of this webinar series and assuring the future students of Bangladesh in Japan of all possible support from the Embassy.

### **H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed made a courtesy call on Mr. TAKAGI Kei, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Ministry of Japan**

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed made a courtesy call on Mr. TAKAGI Kei, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Ministry of Japan at the afternoon of 30 August 2022. Mr. Ahmed congratulated Mr. TAKAGI Kei on his appointment as

the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs looking after Bangladesh. H.E. Ambassador requested Japan to invest more in the areas of trade, investment, infrastructure, agriculture, ICT, blue economy, renewable energy and human resources development. He



sought personal attention of the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs as to how Japan can help Bangladesh more in addressing the humanitarian plight of Rohingyas for bringing a political solution to the problem for peace and stability in the region. The two sides also discussed various issues of mutual interest.

H.E. The Ambassador was assisted by Sheikh Farid, HOC and Counsellor and Tushita Chakma, Counsellor (Political and Consular) from the Embassy side.



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### **The Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo has organized an orientation program for the incoming JDS fellows**

The Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo has organized an orientation program for the incoming JDS fellows on 31 August 2022, at the Bangabandhu Auditorium of the Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo. There were 30 (thirty)

JDS fellows who arrived in Tokyo recently to pursue Master degrees under JICA scholarship in eight universities across Japan.



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It may be mentioned that there are as many as eleven female fellows among those thirty. The title of the event was ‘Orientation Program for the JDS fellows (Batch 21)’. H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Japan was the Chief Guest while Mr. ISHIRO Jun, Managing Director of the International Student Programs of JICE was the Special Guest. In addition to the incoming JDS fellows, high officials and staff of JICE and Embassy officials and staffs attended the event. It was quite a vibrant program with active participation by the attendees, especially the JDS fellows. Mr. Syed Nasir Ershad, Economic Minister of the Embassy conducted the program.

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