



# **Embassy Newsletter**

**January 2022**



**Embassy of Bangladesh  
Tokyo**



## ❖ Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo has observed the historic 10 January, the Homecoming Day of the Father of the Nation

**B**angladesh Embassy, Tokyo has observed the historic 10 January, the Homecoming Day of the Father of the Nation today with due fervor. The program started in the morning with placing floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. This was followed by observance of 01 (one) minute silence in memory of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, his family members and the martyrs of the War of Liberation followed by offering special prayers. The messages issued by Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister on the Homecoming Day were read out by Embassy officials.

H.E. the Ambassador paid profound homage to the Father of the Nation and prayed for his departed soul. He also paid solemn tribute to the four national leaders, all the freedom fighters and martyrs of independence, to all women who lost their dignity during the war and the organizers of our War of Liberation. A discussion on the significance of the day and recitation of poem on the Homecoming Day of the Father of the Nation were also held in the program along with screening some of the historical moments of Bangabandhu's Homecoming.



*Remark of H.E. the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan on Homecoming Day*



*Placing floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation*

## ❖ Dr. Mikiko Otani, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) visited Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo

Dr. Mikiko Otani, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) visited the Embassy and met H.E. Ambassador on 11 January 2022. Deputy Chief of Mission, Shah Asif Rahman, was also present.

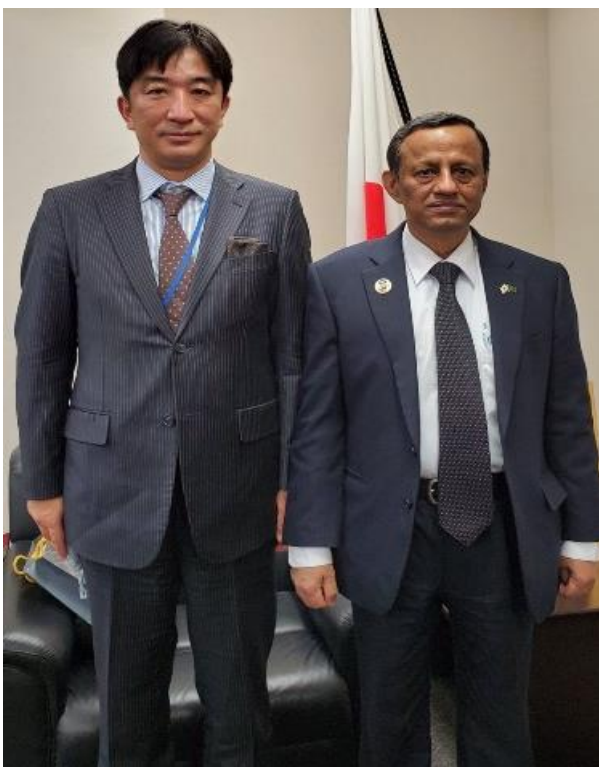
Dr. Otani thanked the Embassy for inviting and all support extended in arranging her recent visit to Bangladesh in connection with the World Peace Conference held on 4-5 December 2021. Dr. Otani thanked profusely for the great opportunity to visit Bangladesh for the first time as an invited guest to this very important event. She inscribed in the visitor's book kept at the Bangabandhu Corner of the Chancery and wrote, "I learned a lot about the history of your country and the inspiring Father of the Nation. I was also deeply touched by the spirit of the Culture of Peace in the people of your country". Dr. Otani explained how deeply she was touched by the warm hospitality extended to her during her stay. She was highly impressed by the capacity of Bangladesh to host an international event of such level even under a challenging time of COVID-19 pandemic.



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❖ **H.E. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed made a courtesy call on Mr. KANO Takehiro**

H.E. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed made a courtesy call on Mr. KANO Takehiro, Director General/Assistant Minister of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry on 12 January 2022. This was the first meeting of the two in the new year. After exchange of greetings, the Ambassador thanked the Ministry of



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Foreign Affairs, the Government and people of Japan for their continued support and assistance to Bangladesh especially during this COVID-19 pandemic. Last month, Japan sent another 1.5 million doses of Japan-manufactured AstraZeneca vaccine to Bangladesh under COVAX mechanism making the total so far 4.5 million vaccines. Ambassador referred to the recent letters sent by the Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh to his counterpart. On the participation of the Hon'ble Prime Minister at the Japan hosted Nutrition for Growth (N4G) on 07 December 2021, the Japanese side thanked Bangladesh. The two sides also discussed the upcoming events to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries and other issues of mutual interest. H.E. Ambassador was assisted by Deputy Chief of Mission, Shah Asif Rahman and Head of Chancery, Sheikh Farid.





## ❖ H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended an event of writing "kakizome"

On 27th January 2022, H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended an event of writing "kakizome" -a type of Japanese calligraphy organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan in celebration of 2022 Japan-Southwest Asia Exchange Year . The Ambassadors of Southwest Asian Embassies in Tokyo were invited to this event at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo. H.E Mr. Honda Taro, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kano Takehiro, Director General, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department and Mr. Hasebe Jun, Director, Southwest Asia Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan were present at the event.



*H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended an event of writing "kakizome" with H.E Mr. Honda Taro, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs*