



Embassy Newsletter

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Tokyo**



Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu observed in Tokyo.

Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo has duly observed the historic 10 January, the Homecoming Day of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Considering the ongoing eighth wave of the COVID pandemic in Japan, the Embassy hosted the program indoors by ensuring all health measures. The program started in the morning with the laying of floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed and Embassy officials. This was followed by observance of 01 (one) minute silence in memory of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the martyrs of the War of Liberation. The program continued with offering of special prayer for the Bangabandhu and his family members and all the martyrs and freedom fighters. The messages issued by the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister on the Homecoming Day were read out by Embassy officials. In his remarks, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed paid his profound respect and homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He also recalled the glorious liberation war, the struggle for

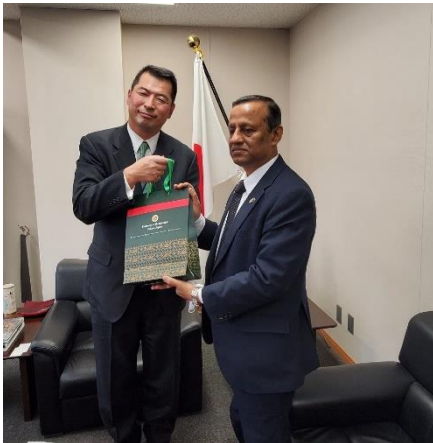
independence led by Bangabandhu and the supreme sacrifices made by the valiant freedom fighters to achieve victory after nine-month of bloody war. Ambassador Ahmed stated that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman dreamt of a country free from hunger and exploitation, which he termed as "Shonar Bangla" or "Golden Bengal". Soon after he was released from Pakistani captivity, Bangabandhu returned to his beloved people in the independent and sovereign Bangladesh on January 10, 1972. He took over the arduous task of rebuilding the war-torn, devastated and the long economically deprived country with his love, wisdom and dedication. Now his able daughter, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been steadfastly implementing the vision of her father. After successfully implementing 'Digital Bangladesh', now she has targeted to elevate the country into a 'Smart Bangladesh', which would be a modern, knowledge-based and developed country through the 'Vision 2041'. Embassy officials participated in the discussion and a documentary was screened highlighting the life of Bangabandhu, his life-long struggle and dream in building a proud nation-state.



Laying of floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman



H.E. the Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed paid his profound respect and homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in his speech



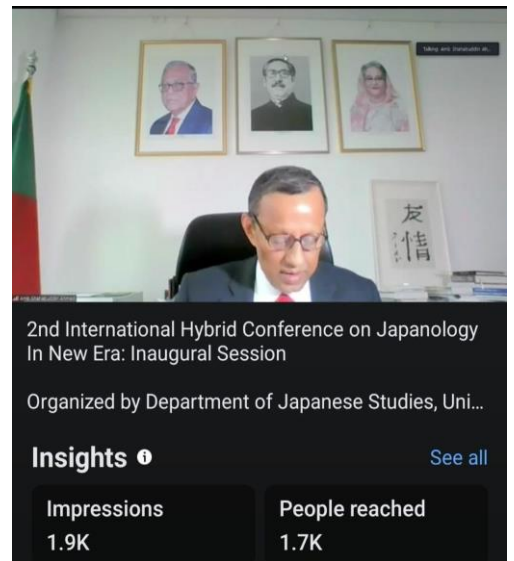
Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed made a courtesy call on Director General Mr. Arima

At the beginning of new year, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed made a courtesy call on with the Director General/Assistant Minister, Mr. Arima Yutaka at the Japanese Foreign Ministry on 12 January 2023. The two exchanged new year's greetings and discussed how to advance bilateral relations further in the year 2023 and beyond. Deputy Chief of Mission, Shah Asif Rahman and Counsellor, Muhammed Bashir were present at the meeting.

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed attended the inaugural session of the 2nd International Hybrid Conference on 'Japanology in New Era'

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan virtually attended at the inaugural session of the 2nd International Hybrid

Conference on 'Japanology in New Era' as the Special Guest from Tokyo on 14 January 2023.



H. E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, M.P, Honorable Foreign Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador attended as special guest

H. E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, M.P, Honorable Foreign Minister of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest at this 2-day long conference jointly organized by the Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka and Japan Foundation at Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka university (DU). Among others, H.E. Mr. Kiminori Iwama,

Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh was present as the Special Guest and Mr. Hideki Hara, Managing Director (Japanese Studies), the Japan Foundation; Professor Dr. Zia Rahman, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka; Dr. Keiichi Ogawa, Professor, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Kobe University, Japan



and Dr. Abdullah-Al-Mamun, Chairman, Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka also delivered speech. The event was Chaired by Professor Dr. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka. Honorable Foreign Minister said that the relationship between Bangladesh and Japan was elevated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and former Prime Minister of Japan late Shinzo Abe to a 'Comprehensive Partnership' during her Japan visit in 2014. Now they have the opportunity to take the bilateral relations to a new height by elevating it to Strategic Partnership. The speakers stressed the need for enhancing academic and cultural exchange programmes between the two

countries to further strengthen this relationship in the days to come. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed said that our excellent relations have been enriched in content and dimension in recent years under the leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who visited Japan five times as Prime minister. Japan is the largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh. Besides, the two countries have multidimensional connection through art, culture, education as well as human resource exchange. Academicians and experts from fourteen countries including Bangladesh, Japan, USA, India, Thailand, Myanmar and China participated in this conference.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed visited Nippon Foundation

H.E. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed visited Nippon Foundation in Tokyo on 19 January 2023 and met with its Chairman, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa. Deputy Chief of Mission, Shah Asif Rahman was present at the meeting. Nippon Foundation is a private, non-profit organization established in 1962. The two sides discussed issues of mutual interest.



Embassy attends the award presentation ceremony of FALIA

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo attended the award presentation ceremony of FALIA- The Foundation for the Advancement of Life & Insurance Around the world, a Public Interest Incorporated Foundation on 20 January 2023. This

was 9th FALIA essay competition organized for international foreign students studying in Japan. This year 24 essays were received and Abid Aziz, a Bangladeshi student of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific



University, Oita Prefecture received an award at the event.

CDA a.i. Shah Asif Rahman and Economic Minister Syed Nasir Ershad attended the event and interacted with the participants.



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