



Embassy Newsletter

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deepest condolences over the tragic demise of the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe



Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on behalf of the people and the government of Bangladesh and on her own behalf, extended deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies at the most tragic demise of the former Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo Abe, who succumbed to death from his fatal injuries in a grisly gun attack.

She wrote in a letter addressed to H.E. Mr. KISHIDA Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan, "At this time of great distress, we recollect with the deepest gratitude his immense contributions to elevating the bilateral relationship between Bangladesh and Japan to a new comprehensive partnership during his tenure as the Prime Minister

of Japan." Furthermore, she stressed that the passing away of a Statesman like Mr. Abe is not only a loss for Japan but also for the entire world because of his leadership thought, vision, and wisdom.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina added, "The People of Bangladesh join me in standing by the side of the mourning people of Japan at this time of most unexpected misfortune. We offer our prayers for the courage and fortitude of the bereaved friendly people of Japan and family members of the late Mr. Abe."

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed participated at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Japan-Bangladesh Society (JBS)

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan participated at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Japan-Bangladesh Society (JBS) on 02 July 2022. He expressed satisfaction for being able to attend this first in-person AGM after long three years because of pandemic. During his speech, the Ambassador paid tribute to Late Mr. Takashi Hayakawa, the founder of Japan Bangladesh Association, who visited Bangladesh in 1972 and met the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Mr. Hayakawa was in awe of the great personality of Bangabandhu who later in 1973 visited Japan to lay the foundation of our excellent bilateral relations. The Ambassador mentioned that even during the pandemic,

the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, H.E. Sheikh Hasina participated several International Conference/Summit held in Japan online, thus sustaining high-level engagement and further strengthening the Bangladesh-Japan relations.

Ambassador congratulated the office bearers and members of the JBS for their contributions and wished their more success. He concluded by assuring all possible cooperation and support for JBS by the Embassy. The AGM was addressed by Mr. Teruo ASADA, Chairman of JBS, Ambassador Mr. Masato WATANABE, President of JBS, Mr. Jun HASEBE, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and Mr. Shinsuke NAGAI, Director of JICA. The



Ambassador was accompanied by Syed Nasir Ershad, Economic Minister of the Embassy.

The AGM was followed by a pleasant cultural program where Japanese students sang Bangla songs.



H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan delivered speech at the AGM of JBS

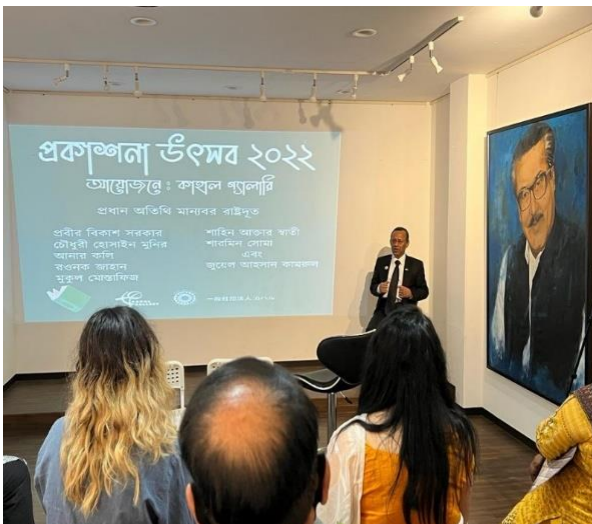


Participants of AGM of JBS

Ambassador Shahabuddin attended a Book publication ceremony

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended a Book publication event on 3 July 2022, organized by Kahal Gallery in Saitama. A new book of eight writers and poets were ceremoniously unwrapped by the Ambassador which included prose, poetry and research works. On this occasion the Ambassador delivered speech as the Chief Guest where

he recognized the perseverance of the writers and organizers for continuing creative works side by side maintaining their life and livelihood in Japan. He concluded by thanking all the participants. The Ambassador was accompanied by Syed Nasir Ershad, Economic Minister and Sheikh Farid, Counsellor and Head of Chancery of the Embassy.



H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan delivered speech at the Book Publication event



H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan and the writers



H.E. Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Maldives to Japan paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed

The newly arrived Ambassador of the Maldives, H.E. Mr. Hassan Sobir paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed at the Embassy on 6 July 2022. They discussed various areas of mutual cooperation between

Bangladesh and Maldives. Following the meeting, H.E. Mr. Hassan Sobir visited the Bangabandhu corner and signed the guestbook there.



H.E. Ambassador discussed Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed various areas of mutual cooperation between Bangladesh and Maldives



H.E. Mr. Hassan Sobir, the Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Maldives visited the Bangabandhu corner

Japan-Bangladesh kite festival celebrated in Saitama, Japan

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan inaugurated a colorful kite festival on July 24, 2022, at the Ōmiya Daisan park of Saitama, Japan organized by the expatriates from old Dhaka. A large number of Bangladeshi expatriates living around Tokyo and Saitama attended the event. The centuries-old tradition of kite flying festival- known as 'Shakrain,' is followed by millions of people in Bangladesh. Especially residents of the old parts of the capital Dhaka have been celebrating it every year for generations.

Following this tradition, this event is being observed in Japan for the last couple of years. In the inaugural speech, H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan thanked the organizer and said kite festival is an environment friendly means of recreation. People from all walks of life- irrespective of age, rich or poor, and ideology- get immense pleasure by participating in such a universal festival. He said the Embassy will always cooperate and assist for organizing such event in future.



H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan inaugurated a colorful kite festival





Hon'ble State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry, H.E Mr. Nasrul Hamid, MP visited Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo

Hon'ble State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry, H.E Mr. Nasrul Hamid, MP who was on a visit to Tokyo visited Bangladesh Embassy on 28 July

2022. H.E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed briefed the Hon'ble Minister on various activities of the Embassy.



Hon'ble State Minister visited Bangabandhu Corner



Hon'ble State Minister with embassy officials and his delegation

He also visited Bangabandhu Corner of the Mission and penned his remarks in the guest book there. H.E. Ambassador hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting

Minister and his delegation. All Embassy officials were present during the events.

H.E. Mr. ITO Naoki, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan

H.E. Mr. ITO Naoki, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed at his office on 15 July

2022. They discussed issues of common interests between Bangladesh and Japan.



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