

Newsletter

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**Embassy of Bangladesh
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Mitsubishi Country Representative for Bangladesh meets Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed

Hiroshi Uegaki, new Country Representative of Mitsubishi Corporation for Bangladesh, paid a courtesy call on the Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 1st February 2024. He briefed on Mitsubishi Corporation's current activities and future plan for expansion of business in Bangladesh. Ambassador Ahmed assured all possible support in this regard.



Country Representative of Mitsubishi Corporation for Bangladesh Hiroshi Uegaki paid a courtesy call on the Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed

Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy was present during the meeting.

FEC-Bangladesh Business Seminar held in Tokyo

Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo organized a business seminar in cooperation with the International Friendship Exchange Council, Japan (FEC) on 08 February 2024 at the Bangabandhu Auditorium of the embassy. Members of FEC mostly CEO's and executives of different Japanese companies participated in the event along with Embassy officials.

Ambassador Sahabuddin Ahmed in his speech, expressed condolences for the loss of invaluable lives from the strong earthquake that hit Noto Peninsula on January 1st this year.

The Ambassador recalled the visit of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to Japan in 1973 and said that the visit laid the foundation of a steadfast and lasting friendship with Japan. He said, relation between Bangladesh and Japan has been elevated to 'Strategic Partnership' during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's latest visit to Japan in April 2023, which created and increased opportunities for cooperation and collaboration with Japan in many key areas. He outlined in brief the excellent economic progress the country made over the last 15 years under the prudent and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He urged Japanese businessmen and investors to come forward to invest more in various sectors in Bangladesh.



Participants of FEC-Bangladesh Business Seminar held in the Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo

In the seminar, informative presentations were made by the Economic Minister of the Embassy Syed Nasir Ershad, Minister (Commerce) Dr. Ariful Haque and First Secretary (Labor) Md. Zoynal Abedin on various aspects of economic development, investment opportunities and human resource development of Bangladesh.

Ambassador (Rtd) Hiroyuki Yushita, Senior Managing Director of FEC in his remarks thanked Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed and Embassy officials for arranging the business seminar. He hoped that exchanging opinions and open discussion in this forum would create further interest

and new opportunities for various business sectors in Bangladesh.

Representatives from several Japanese companies, including Marubeni Corporation, Sumitomo Corporation and Ajinomoto Group, shared their positive experience about their business activity in Bangladesh.

Deputy Chief of Mission Shah Asif Rahman thanked all concerned and participating organizations in the closing remarks.

Top executive of Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) group meets Bangladesh's ambassador

Managing Executive Officer of one of the largest shipping companies in the world Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) group Ajay Singh paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 14 February 2024.



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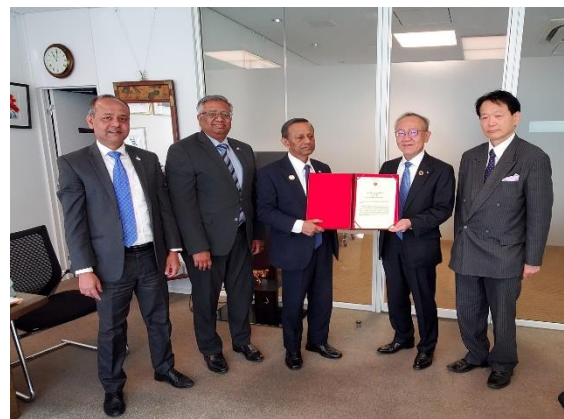
Ajay Singh briefed that MOL is considering investing in Bangladesh in various areas such as LNG floating regasification unit, Recruitment of workers for various industries in Japan, Recycling of ships, logistics forwarding business, etc.

The ambassador assured all possible support in this regard. Dr. Ariful Haque,

Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy was present during the meeting.

Bangladesh government appoints new Honorary Consul in Nagoya

Sato Masataka, the new Honorary Consul of Bangladesh in Nagoya met Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed at his office on 16 February 2024. Honorary Consul Sato has officially initiated his functions in Nagoya city from 12 December 2023.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed is handing over the Letter of Commission to Honorary Consul of Nagoya

The ambassador handed over the original Letter of Commission to Honorary Consul and wished him all the best. The two also discussed how to promote and preserve Bangladesh's interest in Aichi prefecture, including through economic, trade and human resources initiatives.

From the Embassy side, Deputy Chief of Mission, Shah Asif Rahman and Minister (Political) and Head of Chancery Sheikh Farid were present at the meeting.

The Great Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day observed in Tokyo

Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo observed the Great Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day with due solemnity and dignity. The formalities of the Day began with the laying of floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar at Ikebukuro Nishiguchi

Park in Toshima City of Tokyo in the morning of 21 February 2024.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed, Deputy Mayor of Toshima City Katsumi Amagai and embassy officials are laying floral wreaths at the Shahid Minar in Ikebukuro

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Shahabuddin Ahmed and Deputy Mayor of Toshima City Katsumi Amagai paid tribute to the Language Martyrs by laying floral wreaths at the Shahid Minar. Embassy officials were present at the event. Later, Bangladeshi expatriates in Japan and other guests offered floral tributes through 'Provat Feri'.

In the next part of the program, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed officially lowered the national flag of Bangladesh to half-mast at the embassy premises. At that time, officials and employees of the embassy and the visiting guests sang the national anthem in unison. After that, a minute of silence was observed in the memory of the language martyrs and a special prayer was offered for the salvation of their souls and prosperity of Bangladesh.

Later the messages given on the Great Martyrs' Day by the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Deputy Secretary General of UNESCO were read out.

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmad in his welcome speech recalled with deep respect the contribution of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in

the great language movement. He paid tribute to language martyrs and highlighted the background and significance of the language movement. The envoy urged all present to come forward to protect the language and culture of all ethnic groups, including the development of their own mother tongue and culture embracing the spirit of eternal 21st February.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed delivering speech on the Great Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day

The ambassador said that under the able and strong leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is moving forward on the path of building the 'Golden Bangla' as dreamt by Bangabandhu. He urged everyone to work from their respective positions to establish a smart Bangladesh through the implementation of 'Vision 2041' announced by the Prime Minister.

President of Japan Bangladesh Society Ambassador Masato Watanabe, former JOCV volunteer Oshima Mutsuko and the leaders of the Expatriate Bangladeshi community in Japan participated in the open discussion. Later a documentary on the language movement and International Mother Language Day was screened.

Embassy of Bangladesh in Japan organized an Opinion Exchange Meeting with the Bangladesh's ICT delegation

Embassy of Bangladesh in Japan organized an Opinion Exchange Meeting with the Bangladesh's ICT delegation comprising

government official, academia and industry
on 28 February 2024.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed in a meeting with the ICT delegation from Bangladesh

Ambassador Shahabuddin urged the delegation members to expedite collaboration of Government, Academia and Industry for harnessing the potentials of Bangladesh's ICT sector in Japan market.

The delegation, led by Executive Director of Bangladesh Computer Council Ranajit Kumar is visiting Japan to explore opportunities on Bangladesh-Japan IT Collaboration.

Russell T Ahmed, President of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS), Dr. Mohammad Mahfuzul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University, Dr. Md Abul Kashem Mia, Vice Chancellor of United International University, JICA Experts and Embassy Officials actively participated in the interactive discussions.

Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy moderated the program

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