



Newsletter

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National Constitution Day 2023 is observed in Tokyo

Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo has observed the National Constitution Day 2023 Today on 04 November 2023 in a befitting manner.

The day's program started in the morning with reading out messages issued by the President and the Prime Minister on National Constitution Day 2023.

This was followed by the remarks of Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed. In his speech, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed paid profound homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman under whose charismatic leadership Bangladesh fought War of Liberation and achieved victory on 16 December 1971.

He said it was remarkable that Bangabandhu could present a constitution for the people in a remarkably short time following independence.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed is giving speech on National Constitution Day

The Bangali nation obtained its first Constitution, the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, in less than a year on 04 November 1972. Therefore, the theme of this year “বঙ্গবন্ধুর ভাবনা, সংবিধানের বর্ণনা” is very appropriate and relevant as it shows the vision of ideals on which Bangladesh was established as the four fundamental principles of the Constitution are nationalism, socialism, democracy, and secularism.

The Ambassador called upon all present to uphold the dignity of the Constitution of Bangladesh in words and spirit.

A discussion on the significance of the day was held following the address of the Ambassador. The speakers highlighted the significance of ‘National Constitution Day’ and expressed their firm commitment to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the National Constitution in their life, work and practice the values enshrined in the Constitution.

Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo organized a Seminar on Skilled Human Resources

Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo in collaboration with Japan International Trainee and Skilled Worker Cooperation Organization (JITCO) organized a Seminar titled “Bangladesh-A Highly Potential Source Country of Skilled Human Resources for Japan” on 6 November 2023 at Toshi Kaikan in Tokyo. The program was followed by a matching event titled “Matching between Supervising Organizations and Sending Organizations”.

Nearly 300 participants from Japanese companies and manpower recruiting organizations, and the sending organizations of Bangladesh were present at the event.



Ambassador of Bangladesh Shahabuddin Ahmed giving speech in a seminar titled “Bangladesh-A Highly Potential Source Country of Skilled Human Resources for Japan”

Ambassador of Bangladesh Shahabuddin Ahmed made the welcome remark. In his speech the Ambassador thanked the Japan Government for elevating the diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Japan to “Strategic Partnership”. He also mentioned that along with diversified economic sectors’ cooperation now is the time to focus on the Human Resources as Bangladesh has a huge pool of skilled manpower that can be sent for overseas employment while Japan has a growing demand of foreign workers. The Ambassador urged Japan's manpower recruiting companies and agencies to recruit skilled workers from Bangladesh.



First Secretary (Labour) Md. Zoynal Abedin made a detailed presentation focusing on why and how Bangladesh can be the most potential source country of skilled human resources for Japan. He also mentioned the initiatives taken by Bangladesh government to train the youths for employment in line with the demand of the Japanese companies and industries.

Senior Vice President of JITCO also made a presentation on “Global Labor Market and Diversification of Foreign Human Resources”.

Some success stories of the Bangladeshi workers in Japan were screened before the audience which was followed by sharing of positive experience about Bangladeshi workers by three Japanese guests.

After the seminar, a four-hour long interaction and matching program was held

between the Supervising Organizations (SVOs) of Japan and Sending organizations (SOs) of Bangladesh.

Total 45 sending organizations of Bangladesh and around 120 supervising organizations of Japan took part in the matching event. The event was attended by around 350 participants from Bangladesh and Japan. It is expected by both sides that some agreements between the SVOs and SOs will be signed as an outcome of this matching event, and it will be a milestone in expanding Bangladeshi labour market in Japan.

The Seminar and Matching program were attended by other embassy officials and JITCO officials.

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed paid a courtesy call on the Mayor of Nagasaki City SUZUKI Shiro

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed paid a courtesy call on the Mayor of Nagasaki City SUZUKI Shiro on 07 November 2023, at the Nagasaki City Office.

On arrival, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed and his delegation was accorded a warm welcome by the Mayor and the City officials.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed paid a courtesy call on the Mayor of Nagasaki City SUZUKI Shiro

The two sides discussed issues of mutual interest in the backdrop of the elevated bilateral relations of a “Strategic Partnership” which was announced during

the official visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Japan in April 2023. The Mayor of Nagasaki showed his interest for more collaboration in IT sector following Miyazaki model and bringing human resources from Bangladesh in potential sectors in Nagasaki.

Ambassador informed the mayor of the inauguration of Biman Bangladesh direct flight on Dhaka-Narita-Dhaka. Mentioning that Bangladesh is developing 100 Economic Zones and out of that has dedicated one Special Economic Zone exclusively for Japan, the Ambassador welcomed a business delegation to visit Bangladesh to explore the huge potential existing in the country.

Later Ambassador visited the Nagasaki Peace Memorial Park. During the visit, Shah Asif Rahman, Deputy Chief of Mission and Sheikh Farid, Minister also accompanied the Ambassador.

* News coverage by Nagasaki International TV:

<https://www.nib.jp/nnn/news1061a0w5szo06bq83cq.html>

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Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Standard Chartered Bank, Japan paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed

A delegation led by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Standard Chartered Bank, Japan Yusuke Asai paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 9 November 2023.

Standard Chartered Bank, Japan has been supporting major Japanese companies operating in Bangladesh and is interested to expand activities further. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed assured all possible support and collaboration in this regard.

Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce), and Sheikh Farid, Minister (Political) & HOC of the Embassy were present at the meeting.



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Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed participates at the 11th General Meeting of the Council for International Development of Aviation Structure

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed spoke on "Expectations for Bangladesh-Japan Joint PPP Projects" at the 11th General Meeting of the Council for International Development of Aviation Structure in the Hall Room of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan today on 20 November 2023.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed is giving speech at the 11th General Meeting of the Council for International Development of Aviation Structure

He requested Japanese infrastructure companies to take the opportunity to invest in PPP projects in Bangladesh. Parliamentary Secretary for Land, Infrastructure and Transport Ryusyou KATO, Chairman of the Council Kosei SHINDO, Vice Chairman of the Council Tatsuya SUGAWARA and Hiroyuki TSUBAI also spoke at the event.

The event was participated by the member companies of the Council for International Development of Aviation Structure. Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister of (Commerce) of the Embassy accompanied the Ambassador during the event.

Senior Vice President of JICA Hataeda Mikio meets Bangladesh's Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed

Newly appointed Senior Vice President of JICA Hataeda Mikio and former Senior Vice President Nakazawa Keiichiro paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 20 November 2023 at the Embassy.

They exchanged opinions on various aspects of the economic cooperation between Bangladesh and Japan under the auspices of the "Strategic Partnership" between the two friendly countries.

Senior Vice President of JICA Hataeda Mikio paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed

Both parties reiterated their commitment to work together for further strengthening and deepening the existing bilateral collaboration.

Senior Director Nagai Shinsuke, Deputy Director Takahashi Tomoe of JICA and Economic Minister of Bangladesh Embassy Syed Nasir Ershad and Minister and Head of Chancery Sheikh Farid were present at the meeting.



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