

# Newsletter

Bangladesh Embassy Tokyo

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## Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo organized "Bangladesh Seminar on Human Resources" in Tokyo

Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo in collaboration with Japan International Trainee and Skilled Worker Cooperation Organization (JITCO) organized "Bangladesh Seminar on Human Resources" on 8 November 2022 at JITCO Headquarters in Tokyo. Nearly 100 participants from Japanese companies and manpower recruiting organizations were present at the event. Mr. Yagi, President of JITCO, made the welcome speech followed by an introductory speech by H.E Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan, Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed. In his welcome speech, the Ambassador thanked the Government of Japan for continuous support and cooperation in the sectors of trade and investment

which has significantly been enhanced over the years. He also mentioned that along with 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. Hence, the Ambassador urged Japan's manpower recruiting companies and agencies to recruit skilled workers from Bangladesh. JITCO Vice President, Ambassador Matsutomi Shigeo gave a presentation on the international labour market and the future labour market situation in Japan.



*H.E Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended the Bangladesh Seminar on Human Resources*



Dr. Ahmed Munirus Saleheen, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment addressed the seminar through recorded video presentation. The seminar was also addressed by Md. Shamsul Arefin, Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division of Bangladesh. The speakers said that the skill

development of its human resources is a priority of the Govt. of Bangladesh. The Govt. has taken initiatives to train the youths in line with the demand within the country and of the destination countries including Japan for overseas employment. So, Bangladesh can be the best option for Japan as a source country of foreign workers.

Md. Zoynal Abedin, First Secretary (Labour), of the Embassy gave a detailed presentation on human resources of Bangladesh. Mr. Keisuke Irako, Chief Director, Machida Hospital, Mr. Fujii, CEO, Fujii Nenshi Co., Ltd. , representatives of the sending organizations, Bangladeshi workers working in the Japanese companies shared their experiences in this event. The seminar was organized as part of celebrating 50 years of Bangladesh-Japan diplomatic relations and was supported by the Zenbi Coop. Other embassy officials were also present at the Seminar. Before the seminar, a very fruitful bilateral meeting was held between JITCO and the Embassy of Bangladesh.

## H.E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed spoke as Special Guest at the programme "Investment Flash Mob" in Tokyo, Japan

H.E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed spoke as Special Guest at the programme "Investment Flash Mob" in Tokyo, Japan on 29 November 2022 jointly organized by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA). Mr. Salman F Rahman, MP, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister virtually attended the programme as the Chief Guest. He urged Japanese businessmen to help Bangladesh advance further by investing in physical as well as intellectual infrastructure. BSEC Chairman Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam chaired the program (virtually) and presented a paper titled "50 Years of Bangladesh: The Rise of Bengal Tiger" and urged Japanese investors and non-resident Bangladeshis

to invest their capital in Bangladesh, considering the country's prospects. BIDA's Executive Chairman Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah in his remarks (virtually) shed light on the country's export processing zones and industrial areas by highlighting investment potential. Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, the Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in his remarks (virtually) also requested NRB and Japanese investors to take the opportunity to invest in Bangladesh. The program was participated by a large number of NRB businessmen, representatives from MOFA, METI, JETRO, Japan Chamber and CEOs/top management of Japanese companies. The event ended with a networking dinner.



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## Visit of the Chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Navy, Admiral M Shaheen Iqbal, NBP, NUP, ndc, afwc, psc to Japan, 04-10 November 2022

The Chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Navy, Admiral M Shaheen Iqbal, NBP, NUP, ndc, afwc, psc led a 5-member delegation to the International Fleet Review (IFR)2022-Japan and 18<sup>th</sup> Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) and related events from 04-10 November 2022 held in Yokohama. On 06 November 2022, H.E. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed joined the CNS Admiral Iqbal onboard JMSDF lead ship to witness the IFR2022-Japan. In

the evening, they joined an international reception hosted by the Mayor of Yokosuka for the IFR countries. The events related to the 18<sup>th</sup> WPNS were held on 7-8 November 2022 at the Yokohama Royal Park Hotel. It may be mentioned that Bangladesh has been invited as an Observer country to the WPNS event. As many as 25 countries joined the event onsite and one (Papua New Guinea) joined online. The next WPNS will be held in China in 2024.

## Ambassador-designate of Japan to Bangladesh made a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed

H.E. Mr. IWAMA Kiminori, Ambassador-designate of Japan to Bangladesh made a courtesy call on with Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed 18 November 2022 at Bangladesh Embassy Tokyo. The two discussed various issues of mutual interest and called for working together to strengthen the relationship between Bangladesh and Japan. DCM, Shah Asif Rahman and Counsellor and HOC, Sheikh Farid took part in the friendly interaction. Later the Japanese Ambassador visited Bangabandhu Corner and recorded his remarks in the visitor book.



## Ambassador-designate of India to Japan made a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed



H.E. Sibi George, Ambassador-designate of India to Japan made a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 23 November 2022 at the latter's office. The two discussed the historical friendly and cordial relations between the two friendly countries and called for working together to strengthen their mutual relationship. DCM, Shah Asif Rahman was present during their meeting. Later the Indian Ambassador also visited Bangabandhu Corner and penned his remarks in the visitor book.