

# **Newsletter**



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**Embassy of Bangladesh**

**Tokyo, Japan**

## **Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo celebrated the Homecoming Day of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**

The Homecoming Day of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is celebrated in Tokyo with due fervor and solemnity. On this occasion, Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo organized a discussion meeting on 10 January 2024 at the embassy premises.



*Embassy officials led by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed laying floral wreaths on the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman*

At the beginning of the program the Embassy officials led by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed laid floral wreaths on the portrait of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. A minute's silence was observed in the memory of Bangabandhu and the martyrs of August 15, 1975.

Later, a special prayer was offered for the peace and forgiveness of the souls of the Father of the Nation and the martyred members of his family, and for the welfare of the country and the nation.

Then the message given by the President and the Prime Minister on Bangabandhu's Homecoming Day was read out.

During the discussion, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmad humbly recalled the contribution of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the history of Bangalee's struggle for

freedom. He said that Bangladesh was born through the long movement and bloody liberation war led by the Father of the Nation. The ambassador said that although the final victory was achieved on December 16, 1971, but Bangalee's victory was completed only after the return of the Father of the Nation on January 10, 1972.

The ambassador called upon all to work towards the implementation of Vision 2041 announced by the Prime Minister to take the country forward the path of progress and prosperity by completing the unfinished work of Bangabandhu.



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed delivering speech at the program on Homecoming Day of the Father of the Nation*

A documentary on Bangabandhu's homecoming was screened after the discussion.

## **The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) top executive Takasuke Sekine met Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed**

A delegation led by Head of Global Banking of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), Japan paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 11 January 2024.

HSBC Japan has been supporting Japanese companies operating in Bangladesh and is interested to expand activities further. Ambassador assured all possible support in this regard.

Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce), and Md. Zoynal Abedin, First Secretary (Labour) of the Embassy were present at the meeting.



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed with the delegation of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), Japan*

### **Mirai Consulting Group delegation met Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed**

A delegation of Mirai Consulting Group led by Atsushi Okada, Group COO, paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 15 January 2024.



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed with the delegation of the Mirai Consulting Group*

Mirai Consulting Group is going to open an office in Bangladesh to provide consulting services to potential Japanese companies in Bangladesh. Ambassador Ahmed assured all possible support in this regard. Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy was present at the meeting.

### **Nagasaki Prefectural Government delegation paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed**

A delegation of Nagasaki Prefectural Government led by Miyaji Tomohiro, Policy Director General, Industry and Labour Department, Nagasaki Prefectural Government paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 22 January 2024.

Nagasaki Prefectural Government is interested to collaborate with Bangladeshi entities to bring IT Professionals from Bangladesh. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed assured all possible support in this regard.



*Nagasaki Prefectural Government delegation paid a curtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed at his office*

Earlier, the delegation had an interactive discussion with Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce), and Md. Zoynal Abedin, First Secretary (Labour) of the Embassy.

### **Ambassador Shahabuddin exchanged warm greetings with Minister for Foreign Affairs Kamikawa Yoko**

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed exchanged warm greetings with Minister for Foreign Affairs Kamikawa Yoko while attending a Reception co-hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Governor of Niigata Prefecture.



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed exchanging warm greetings with Minister for Foreign Affairs Kamikawa Yoko*

The program titled “Niigata, the Treasure Box of Japan” was held on 23 January 2024.

The ambassador also met and exchanged greetings with Governor of Niigata Prefecture Hanazumi Hideyo and other dignitaries present in the event.

**State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Tsuge Yoshifumi paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed**

State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Tsuge Yoshifumi paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 24 January at the Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo.



*Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed welcomed State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Tsuge Yoshifumi at the Bangladesh Embassy*

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed and his wife Shahina Akthar and the embassy officials welcomed State Minister

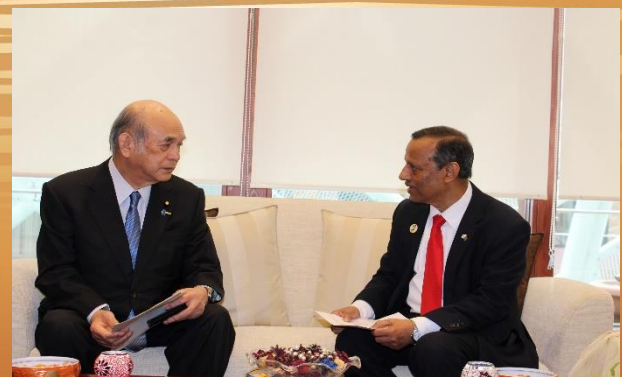
Yoshifumi at the Bangladesh Embassy in the afternoon.

During the meeting, State Minister Tsuge Yoshifumi expressed his gratitude to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her government for expressing condolences and solidarity with the Japanese government and people over the recent earthquake in Japan.

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmad congratulated Tsuge Yoshifumi on his recent appointment as State Minister for Foreign Affairs during Japan's cabinet reshuffle.

The ambassador mentioned Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Japan on different occasions to improve the relationship between the two countries and said that Bangladesh-Japan relations have been to strategic partnership through the Prime Minister's visit to Japan in April last year. He sought the cooperation of State Minister Yoshifumi in implementing the joint declaration on strategic partnership signed by the Prime Ministers of the two countries.

The ambassador said that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep grief over the recent earthquake in Japan and Bangladesh is ready to offer all possible cooperation to deal with this crisis.



*State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Tsuge Yoshifumi paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed on 24 January at the Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo*

Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmad thanked Japan for its continued cooperation in resolving the Rohingya issue. He requested

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Japan to play a more proactive role in solving this problem and in the speedy, dignified, and safe repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh to Myanmar.

The ambassador expressed his determination to work together to strengthen bilateral relations with Japan and continue the development and progress of Bangladesh during the tenure of the new government formed after the recent parliamentary elections in Bangladesh.

Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and officials of the Bangladesh Embassy were present during the meeting

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