## Message from Ambassador and Head of Mission



I welcome you to the official website of Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Mission to the European Union in Brussels.

The objective of the Embassy is to further consolidate and promote Bangladesh's relations with Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union. Under the iconic statesmanship of Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Belgium, and Bangladesh and Luxembourg were established in 1972, and between Bangladesh and the European Union in 1973.

Bangladesh-Belgium relations go a long way. Belgium was one of the first countries to recognize Bangladesh on 04 February. Bangladesh opened this Embassy in Brussels in May 1973. In 2022, we celebrated the fifty years of our diplomatic relations. Luxembourg is another European country that recognized Bangladesh in early February 1972. Along with Belgium, the Embassy is also working closely with Luxembourg to further foster meaningful collaboration in the areas of trade and investment, ICT, health, education, culture etc. We are also enhancing our efforts to reach out to the academia, think tanks, media and focusing on public-private partnerships and the Embassy would continue to undertake initiatives in this regard.

On the basis of shared values, Bangladesh's partnership with the European Union is progressively gathering a political and strategic dimension. Bangladesh and the EU share common views on many global issues including international peace and security, counter-terrorism, climate change, strengthening of democratic institutions and practices, expansion of regional cooperation, women empowerment and sustainable development. Bangladesh remains appreciative of the EU's development cooperation programs and trade preferences that are contributing significantly to the achievement of the country's national development policies. As Bangladesh is graduating from the least developed country category and marching ahead steadily to become an upper middle-income country by 2031 under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, it can indeed be seen as a success story amongst the EU's longstanding partnerships.

In our scheme of things, the Bangladesh community in Belgium and Luxembourg are our key partners. They are the ones building bridges on the ground, they are the extended image of our country. The Embassy maintains a close and cordial relationship with the fellow Bangladesh nationals and members of its community and assists them in every possible way and also connects with the professionals to tap their potentials for possible collaborations between Bangladesh and Belgium, and Bangladesh and Luxembourg.

On this website, you will find links to current opportunities and future potentials in Bangladesh for developing partnerships in common and mutually beneficial areas. You will also find information on events being organised and services being provided by the Embassy of Bangladesh in Brussels. Keep checking the site for our updates!

Joi Bangla. Joi Bangabandhu. May Bangladesh live forever!

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