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The Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City celebrated 'National Expatriates Day 2023' with due solemnity to honor the significant contributions of over 150 million Bangladeshi expatriates working in 170 countries worldwide. This marked the first-ever observance of this day under the theme 'Commitment to Expatriates' Welfare and Dignity; Equal Partners in Building a Smart Bangladesh'.

The event commenced with a visual presentation received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka, followed by the reading of messages from the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, and Minister of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment. During an open discussion, expatriates in Mexico highlighted their challenges, particularly related to remittance transfers.

Ambassador Abida Islam paid tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman acknowledging his pivotal role in shaping the nation's history including the instrumental contributions of Bangladeshi expatriates across multiple domains. She highlighted their courageous roles in the 1971 liberation war, efforts to secure international recognition for Bangladesh, and active participation in post-war reconstruction. She also emphasized the pivotal role of remittances in Bangladesh's socio-economic development and the government's initiatives, led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, to ensure the welfare of migrant workers, reflecting a commitment to safeguarding Bangladeshi citizens living and working abroad.

The Ambassador praised the strong bonds and cultural exchanges facilitated by Bangladeshi expatriates in Mexico, who remitted an impressive USD 260,000 to Bangladesh in 2023 (according to the Ministry of Economy of Mexico) and contributed to building a replica of the Shaheed Minar in Napanitla, Mexico. She called for their active engagement in promoting Bangladeshi culture, fostering collaboration for Bangladesh's development, and strengthening ties between the two nations.

The ceremony concluded with a prayer for the welfare of migrant workers, expatriates, and the peace and progress of the country, followed by offering traditional Bangladeshi cuisines for the attendees.

