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Children of Nepantla celebrated the 104th Birthday of Bangabandhu and National Children's Day in a festive manner

The Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City organized a vibrant celebration commemorating the 104th Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day, on March 19, 2024, in Nepantla, State of México. The event saw the spontaneous involvement of approximately 50 underprivileged children, from the Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Elementary School, alongside officials from the Sor Juana Museum, all coming together in a jubilant atmosphere.

It may be mentioned that on March 17, 2024, Sunday, the Embassy initiated the ceremonial proceedings with the hoisting of the national flag by Ambassador Abida Islam at the Chancery premises, accompanied by the national anthem. This was followed by a poignant moment of laying a floral wreath at the bust of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, with the presence of all embassy officials. Subsequently, messages from the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister were read out culminating in a special prayer.

Transitioning to the vibrant setting of Nepantla on March 19, 2024, Judith Pena Hernandez, Director of the Nepantla Regional Cultural Center, extended a warm welcome to Bangladesh Embassy expressing her delight at hosting such a momentous occasion.

The Principal of Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Elementary School, Esther Libera Vergara, in her introductory remarks thanked the Bangladesh Embassy for creating such an unforgettable memory for these under privileged children.

In her address, Ambassador Abida Islam paid deep homage to the Father of the Nation, shedding light on his political journey, invaluable contributions, and lasting legacy, particularly his tireless efforts for the welfare of Bangladesh's children. Emphasizing Bangabandhu's stature as more than just a leader, but a beacon of hope, freedom, and resilience, she reaffirmed the commitment to realizing his vision of a future defined by peace, unity, and equity.

The festivities continued with a vibrant cultural showcase by the students, featuring artistic renditions of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman adorned with various seeds, alongside the coloring of traditional Bangladeshi Boishakhi masks. Two students also shared poignant insights about the Father of the Nation and Bangladesh, captivating the audience with their brief presentations.

Ambassador Abida Islam further demonstrated Bangladesh's commitment to education by presenting a desktop computer from the 'Bangabandhu Fund' to the school, a gesture warmly received by the Principal and students alike. She was also accorded a Certificate of Appreciation from the school.

To enhance the celebration, a lively clown performance brought joy to the children, culminating in the ceremonial cutting of a celebratory cake. Following this, food packs and gifts were distributed to all attendees in the presence of school, museum, and embassy officials.

