

BUILDING BRIDGES: UNVEILING THE EMBASSY'S DYNAMIC INITIATIVES

January-March 2023



JANUARY 2023

HOME COMING DAY OF THE FATHER OF THE NATION:



The Embassy observed the Home Coming Day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on 10 January 2023 with solemnity. Messages from the President and Prime Minister of Bangladesh were read, a special documentary was screened, and an open discussion highlighted the day's importance.

TRES PINTORES BANGLADESIES (THREE PAINTERS FROM BANGLADESH):



The Embassy of Bangladesh in Mexico City organized "Tres Pintores Bangladesies" from 23 to 27 January 2023. Renowned artists like Former Ambassador Mahfuzur Rahman, Md. Muniruzzaman, and Shamsul Alam participated and displayed their paintings. The exhibition received around 500 visitors who praised the artworks.

FEBRUARY 2023

'BANGLADESH IN FRAMES' - A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION:



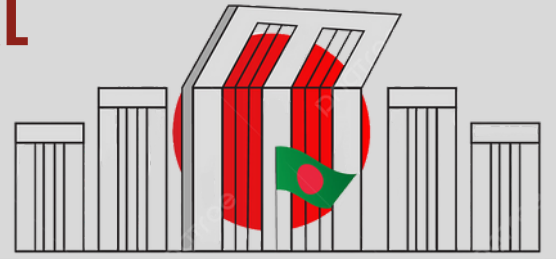
On 7th February 2023, Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City in collaboration with the International Affairs of Mexico City Municipality and the Mexican Ministry of Culture, organized a six-week long photography exhibition titled 'Bangladesh in Frames' in Mexico City. The exhibition showcased 20 (twenty) photographs by Bangladeshi photographers Mustafiz Mamun and Abdul Momin, portraying the country's landscape, culture, and socio-economic activities.



CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY:



The Senate of the Republic in Mexico, in collaboration with the Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City, observed the International Mother Language Day on 20 February 2023. Ambassador Abida Islam presented the background and significance of the day.



A seminar in collaboration with Iberoamericana University was held on 21st February, 2023 with guest speakers from various countries discussing multilingualism.

AMBASSADOR ABIDA ISLAM PRESENTED HER LETTER OF CREDENCE TO GUATEMALA:



Ambassador Abida Islam presented her 'Letter of Credence' to the Foreign Minister of Guatemala, H.E. Mario Adolfo Bucaro, on 16 February 2023, officially assuming her role as the non-residential Ambassador of Bangladesh to Guatemala. Both sides expressed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations.

MEETING WITH THE VICE RECTOR OF IBEROAMERICANA UNIVERSITY:

Ambassador Abida Islam met with Dr. Alejandro Anaya, Vice Rector of Iberoamericana University, to discuss potential areas of cooperation, including student and teacher exchange programs and collaboration in higher education.



MARCH 2023

OBSERVING THE HISTORIC 7 MARCH SPEECH OF BANGABANDHU:

The Embassy observed the Historic 7 March Speech with due solemnity and vigor. The Spanish version of the 'Historic 7th March Speech' of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was read out by the Mexican officials and a special documentary was screened.



CELEBRATING THE 103RD BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BANGABANDHU AND NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY:

The Embassy joyously celebrated the 103rd Birthday of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Father of the Nation, and National Children's Day on 17 March 2023. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately 160 students of Westhill International School. In honor of Bangabandhu, the Ambassador placed a floral wreath at his bust and introduced him and Bangladesh to the students, highlighting his political life, remarkable contributions, and enduring legacy, particularly his affection for children.

The festivities continued with a vibrant cultural program, including captivating dance performances, melodic music, thrilling rope jumping competitions, and an engaging presentation on Bangladesh by the talented 5th-grade students.

To promote awareness, leaflets about the life of Bangabandhu were distributed in Spanish, and the celebration concluded with a delightful cake cutting session.



OBSERVING THE GENOCIDE DAY:

Seminar on Recognizing the 1971 Bangladesh Genocide:

The Embassy, in collaboration with the Centre for Asian and African Studies at El Colegio De Mexico, organized a seminar titled "Recognizing the 1971 Bangladesh Genocide: An Appeal for Rendering Justice" on 27 March 2023. The keynote speech by Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed shed light on the genocide, and a panel discussion featured notable experts, namely Professor Ishita Banerjee from the Centre for Gender Studies and Director of the Centre for Asian and African Studies, José Antonio Cerver, with moderation by Professor Roberto García. Ambassador Abida Islam paid tribute to Bangabandhu and the martyrs, emphasizing human rights and the rule of law.



On 25 March 2022, the Embassy observed the Genocide Day with solemnity, including hoisting the flag at half-mast, a minute of silence, and a special prayer.



CULTURAL EXCHANGE EXHIBITION AT DANIEL COSIO VILLEGAS LIBRARY:

In parallel with the seminar, the Embassy inaugurated a two-week-long exhibition at Daniel Cosío Villegas Library, showcasing Bangladeshi books and crafts. The exhibition aimed to promote cultural exchange and provide educational resources to students.



BANGLADESH EMBASSY AT OIC FAIR 2023:

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Mexico City actively participated in the OIC Fair held on 12 March 2023 at Lincoln Park, Miguel Hidalgo. The embassy showcased the vibrant culture and cuisine of Bangladesh through a food stall, as well as captivating performances of traditional attire, music and dances.



MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MEXICAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE:

Ambassador Abida Islam, representing Bangladesh in Mexico City, had a productive meeting with Ms. Mariana Aymerich, Director General of the Ministry of Culture, and Ms. Alejandra Gomez, Director General of Museums. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential areas of cooperation between Bangladesh and Mexico, focusing on cultural exchange and collaboration.



FIRST MEETING WITH MEXICO-BANGLADESH PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

The embassy also conducted its inaugural meeting with the Mexico-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship Group. The meeting, chaired by Deputy H.E. Rosalinda Dominguez at the Chambers of Deputies, served as an opportunity for Ambassador Abida Islam and the deputies to discuss the current state of bilateral relations and develop a Work Plan for future collaboration. To foster a closer bond, a luncheon was hosted by Ambassador Abida Islam at Bangladesh House for the friendship group.



OTHER MEETINGS



AMBASSADOR ABIDA ISLAM CONVENED A PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH DR. TIMOTHY KRUPNIK, THE DIRECTOR OF CIMMYT IN MEXICO, TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT PROGRESS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.



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TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, AMBASSADOR ABIDA ISLAM INVITED OIC SPOUSES AND MEDIA PERSONNEL FOR A LUNCHEON FOSTERING MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT.



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