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**Press Release**

**Bangladesh Embassy celebrated the 103rd Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu and National Children's Day with the Mexican children**

Bangladesh Embassy in Mexico City celebrated the 103rd Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Children's Day today on 17 March 2022 (Friday) with the spontaneous participation of around 160 primary school students and also members of teaching staff of the "Westhill International School" in a festive manner.

02. The event started with the hoisting of the national flag by Ambassador Abida Islam with the tune of the national anthem at the Chancery. It was followed by placing a floral wreath at the bust of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in presence of all the officials of the Embassy. Later, a special prayer was offered hereafter reading out of the messages of the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs given on this occasion by the Embassy officials. A documentary was also screened on the occasion of Bangabandhu's Birthday and National Children's Day.

03. During the second segment at the "Westhill International School", Principal Sarah Smith welcomed Ambassador Islam and other officials at the premise. In her introductory remarks, she congratulated Bangladesh on this important occasion and encouraged the students to broaden their horizons by learning about a country like Bangladesh. In her speech, Ambassador Abida Islam paid rich tribute to the Father of the Nation highlighting the political life, contributions and legacy of Bangabandhu including his initiatives for the well-being of the children of Bangladesh. She also reiterated the exactness of this year's theme of the day "Envisioning a SMART Bangladesh on Bangabandhu's birthday, inspires the children to build a prosperous tomorrow". Later, ten students from the fifth grade of the school briefly presented facts about Bangladesh and the life of Bangabandhu. Leaflets regarding various activities of Bangabandhu were distributed among the students at that time.

04. The event continued with a colorful cultural presentation of the students of the school comprising a dance performance on Bangla folk songs, and music, and also a rope jumping competition. Ambassador Abida Islam presented the certificates to the winners of the competition. The event came to an end with the cutting of a cake in presence of all the children and teachers of the school.

05. The celebration of Bangabandhu's Birthday and National Children's Day at the Westhill International School was an excellent opportunity for the children to learn about Bangladesh and Bangabandhu as well as the rich cultural heritage of the country.

