# Embassy Newsletter

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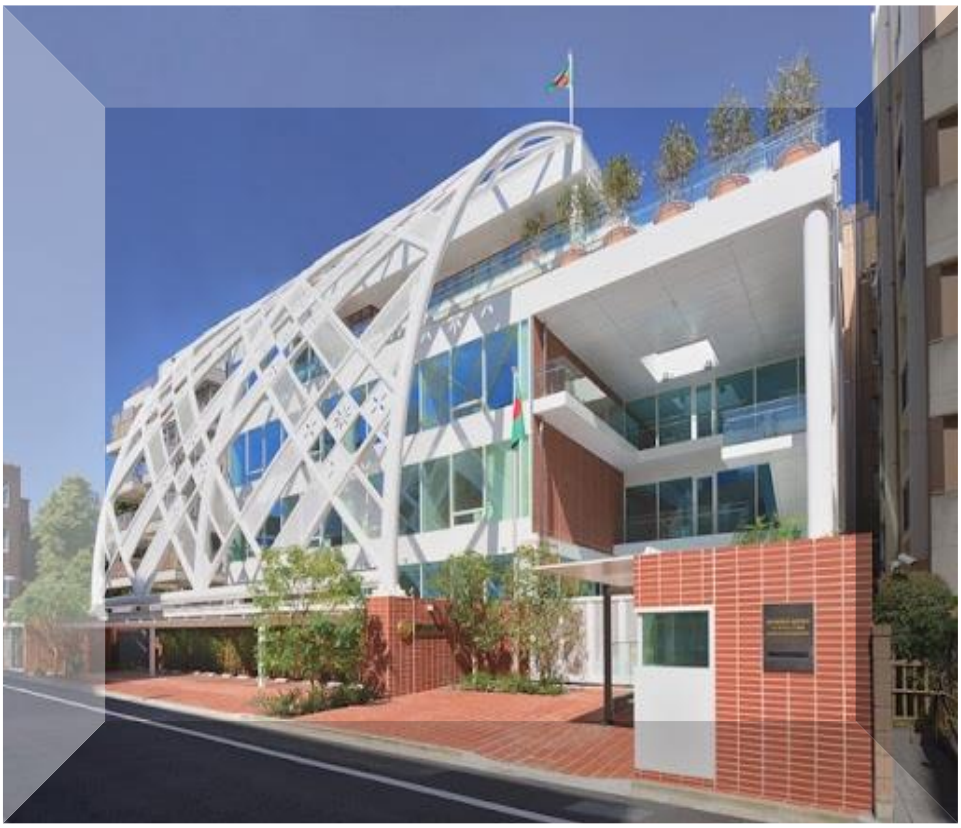

Embassy of Bangladesh
Tokyo

## Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo observed Bengali New Year 1429

The Mission observed "Bengali New Year 1429 (Pohela Boishakh-Bangla Noboborsho-1429)" on 03 May 2022 with due festivity. With a view to observing the event in a colorful manner, the Embassy premise was beautifully decorated with motifs, balloons, festoons, posters, banners to bring in an aura of Bengali culture befitting the day. The day's program started at 12:00 hrs with Mangal Shobhajatra-an UNESCO recognized 'intangible cultural heritage' with symbolic procession in front of chancery building with the participation of all embassy officers, officials, their family members, and some invited community members. All the participants of the event adorned themselves with distinct colorful Bengali dresses. The Mangal Shobhajatra features colorful replicas of birds, fish, animals, folk tale and other motifs which symbolizes our cultural diversity, unity, peace, and the driving away of evil to bring in more progress and prosperity for the country and its people.

After this, the program resumed indoor with the remarks by H.E. the Ambassador. A cultural program was organized with the performances of the children and was appreciated by all. Performance of the expatriate Bangladeshi artists has made the audience spell bound. Children with colorful dress enjoyed a lot dancing in the tune of Bengali music. All the guests were served lunch with traditional foods specially Panta-Ilish.

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## H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended the 21st Boishakhi Mela and Curry Festival held in Tokyo

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended the 21st Boishakhi Mela and Curry Festival on 8 May 2022 at Ikebukuro Nishiguchi Park, Ikebukuro, Tokyo as the Chief Guest. Mr. Yukio Takano, Mayor of Toshima City and Mr. Miyoki Takagiya, Deputy Mayor of Toshima City were present as special guests. This is the largest Bangladeshi gathering in Japan. Japan Bangladesh Society (JBS), a registered non-profit organization (NPO) and Toshima-city have been jointly organizing the Boishakhi Mela and Curry Festival at Ikebukuro Nishiguchi Park, Ikebukuro, Tokyo since 2000.

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo supported the initiative as a patron of the festival since its beginning. This year, in the backdrop of the 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relationship between Bangladesh and Japan, the event has taken place in a more festive and celebratory manner. Bangladeshi expats living in Japan and local Japanese together enjoyed the day-long cultural programme and flocked at the Curry Festival where vendors offered delicious curry and other Bangladeshi food.

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The Honorable Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Fumio KISHIDA awarded Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad the Order of the Rising Sun- Gold and Silver Star. The award was presented in a ceremonial event held on 10 May 2022 at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. The Order of the Rising

Sun is awarded by the Emperor of Japan to individuals in recognition of long and/or special meritorious service. The Order of the Rising Sun is generally the second highest conferred order following the Order of the Chrysanthemum, mostly given to politicians. The Japanese Government recognizes Mr. Azad's lifetime contributions in Japan-Bangladesh friendship.

## H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh attended the 27th Nikkei Future of Asia Conference in Tokyo

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the 27th Nikkei Future of Asia Conference through virtual participation on 27 May 2022 held at the Hotel Imperial, Tokyo. Leaders, businesspersons, academicians and civil society participants attended this year's conference held in a hybrid format. Presidents from Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Lao PDR and Prime Ministers from Bangladesh, Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia attended the event either in virtual or in-person. The topic of the 2 days international conference was on "Redefining Asia's role in a divided world". The participation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina informed the global audience of Bangladesh's remarkable performance in managing the Covid-19 pandemic, economic and future outlook. She also made some recommendations to the forum for future cooperation of Asian countries to avoid division or conflict. The Hon'ble Prime Minister attended the 25th Nikkei Future of Asia Conference in 2019.

It is mentionable that even during the pandemic, the Embassy endeavoured to maintain high level contact with Japan and coordinated the participation of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in International Conference/Summit held in Japan. On 07 December 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister attended virtually the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit hosted by the Government of Japan in Tokyo. This year, on 23 April 2022, the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina delivered a statement through a video message at the 4th Asia Pacific Water Summit (APWS) held in Kumamoto, Japan.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina delivered a statement through a video message on 23 April 2022 at the 4th Asia Pacific Water Summit held in Kumamoto, Japan. The Kumamoto City of Japan and Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) Jointly organised the Summit on 23-24 April 2022 under the theme 'Water for Sustainable Development -Best Practices and the Next Generation'. The hybrid event was attended by the Heads of State and Government, United Nations Secretary General and related stakeholders of countries in the Asia and the Pacific. His Majesty the Emperor and Empress graced the inauguration of the event virtually while Prime Minister Fumio Kishida attended in person and welcomed the delegates to the Summit.

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*https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/57417*

The Summit adopted the Kumamoto Declaration which would contribute to the mid-term review of the Water Action Decade at the UN Water Conference in New York, United States from March 22-24, 2023.

## Bangladesh in Japanese Media

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