

Newsletter

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Seminar and Networking Event on “Bangladesh-Japan Business Opportunities in Jute, Leather & Leather Goods” held in Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo

Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo organized Seminar and Networking Event on “Bangladesh-Japan Business Opportunities in Jute, Leather & Leather Goods” on 9 June 2023. This event was supported by JETRO, UNIDO-ITPO Tokyo and Japan Leather Traders Association. H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed delivered welcome remarks and urged Japanese companies in jute and leather sectors to do business with Bangladeshi companies. Mr. Susumu Tatematsu, Chairman, Japan Leather Traders Association gave speech and hoped to create more business opportunities with combined efforts. Mr. Kiyonori Nakajima, President & CEO of Marusan Sangyo Co. Ltd., and Mr. Toshinao Okunaka, President, MARUTOMI. CO., LTD., Japan shared

business experiences in Bangladesh in jute and leather sector respectively. Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Khan, Additional Secretary (Export), Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh delivered closing remarks highlighting Bangladesh government’s business and investment friendly policies as well as efforts in diversification of export basket through promotion of potential products like jute and leather goods. Later, Interactive discussions were held among Japanese companies, NRB Businessmen, representatives from JETRO and UNIDO-ITPO Tokyo and Embassy Officials. Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy moderated the program and delivered a presentation on business opportunities in Jute and Leather sector.



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Executive Vice President, Mitsui & Co., Ltd. paid a courtesy call on the H. E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed

A delegation led by Mr. Motoaki Uno, Executive Vice President, Mitsui & Co., Ltd. paid a courtesy call on the H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed on 16

June 2023. Mr. Uno explained his recent business trip to Bangladesh and Mitsui’s potential projects with Business partners in Bangladesh. H.E Ambassador

requested him to explore more business opportunities in diversified fields and assured all possible support. He also visited Bangabandhu Corner of the Embassy and signed the Visitor's book there. Mr. Shah Asif Rahman, Minister & Deputy Chief



of Mission, and Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy were present during the meeting. Mitsui & Co., Ltd. is one of the largest sogo shosha (general trading companies) in Japan and started operation in Bangladesh in 1958.



Executive Vice President, Mitsui & Co., Ltd. discussed with H.E the Ambassador and Embassy Officers and visited Bangabandhu Corner

H.E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended and delivered remarks at the 6th JAPAN CONSTRUCTION INTERNATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed attended and delivered remarks at the 6th Japan Construction International Awards Ceremony held on 20 June 2023. Japanese companies Obayashi Corporation, Shimizu Corporation, JFE Engineering Corporation, IHI Infrastructure Co. Ltd., Oriental Consultants Global Co., Ltd., Japan Bridge and Structure Institute Inc., Katahira and Engineers International and Nippon Engineering Consultings Co., Ltd., have been awarded in the Construction Project Category for the Kanchpur, Meghna and Gumti 2nd Bridges Construction and Existing Bridges Rehabilitation project (KMG) in Bangladesh. H.E. Mr. SAITO Tetsuo,

Hon'ble Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan handed over the awards to the awardees. Dr. MORICHI Shigeru, Chairman of the Award Committee, Excellencies Ambassadors of Countries of award-winning projects, awardee companies were present. Later H.E. Ambassador attended the reception program and exchanged greetings with Mr. Ishi Hiroo , Hon'ble State Minister of MLIT, Japan and other dignitaries. H.E. Ambassador was accompanied by Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) and Sheikh Farid, Minister (Political).



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H.E Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended a farewell reception hosted by the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific



H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan attended a farewell reception hosted by the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific on 21 June 2023. Mr. Sheikh Farid, Minister (Political) & Head of Chancery accompanied him. From Bangladesh, four scholars, including one Ph.D. candidate attended the reception. The JISPA program aims to enhance institutional capacity building through training of government officials in the field of macroeconomic policy making. H.E Ambassador congratulated the scholars from Bangladesh for successful completion of their courses and encouraged them to apply their

research findings in their respective fields.

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed visited the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

H.E. Mr. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed visited the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (RAPU) located in Beppu, Oita on 23 June 2023. Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Shah Asif Rahman accompanied him. During the visit, Ambassador Shahabuddin held meeting with the Acting President, Vice-Presidents, Dean of Admissions and his team, senior faculty members and student representatives. It was a useful meeting

where the present situation and future potential areas of cooperation with RAPU to the benefit of students could be identified. RAPU is one of the top universities in Japan that has been welcoming students from Bangladesh since its establishment in 2000. So far around 450 Bangladeshi students graduated from the university.



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The RAPU alumni network is helping the current students to get job (97% job success). This year (2023), 128 students applied in undergraduate and postgraduate courses so far. The university has three colleges, namely College of International Management (APM), College of Asia Pacific Studies (APS) and the relatively new College

of Sustainability and Tourism (ST). This new college on Sustainability and Tourism has more potential for Bangladesh as the country is looking for investment promotion in Tourism sector and at the same time sustainable management of Environment and climate impact in Bangladesh. Later the Ambassador also visited different parts of the university including

library and student dorm facilities. Ambassador Shahabuddin made a keynote speech at the lecture hall of the university on "How does Leadership matter? Looking at Bangladesh-Japan friendly relations". He answered to question asked by faculty later on. In the evening the Ambassador and DCM attended the grand show culminating the colourful

"Bangladesh Week" organized by students at the Millennium Hall of RPU from 19-23 June 2023. The Ambassador made a brief remark and opened the show. Colourful performance, drama, dance etc. marked the event organized first time after pandemic enthralling the audience. The presence of H.E. Ambassador encouraged all students.

Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo organized a Seminar at Chiba

Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo organized a Seminar on "Trade, Investment and Human Resources" today on 26 June 2023 at Chiba Chamber of Commerce and Industry Building, Chiba. Nearly 150 participants from Japanese companies and manpower recruiting organizations were present at the event. H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed in his welcome speech, urged Japanese businessmen and investors to invest in various sectors in Bangladesh as well as in Economic Zones, Hi-Tech Parks and Export Processing Zones in Bangladesh. In the context of the decreasing population in Japan, the Ambassador urged Japan's manpower recruiting agencies to recruit workers from Bangladesh. Ms. Mayumi Murayama, Executive Vice President, Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO) delivered speech and praised Bangladesh's stable economic progress while Ambassador, Shigeo Matsutomi, Senior Vice President, Japan International Trainee & Skilled Worker Cooperation Organization (JITCO) explained about Japan's Labor Market and Diversification of Foreign Human Resources. Ms. Kaoru Terashima of JETRO Research & Analysis Department explained

business environment in Bangladesh and prospects of Japanese companies in doing business in Bangladesh while Mr. Kiminobu Hiraishi, CEO of Maruhisha Group shared his business experiences in Bangladesh. President, Shinei Industry Co., Ltd. And CEO, Honda Cars shared their experience with Bangladeshi workers and expressed their interest in recruiting more Bangladeshi workers in their respective companies. Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy made presentation and highlighted trade and investment opportunities in Bangladesh as well as support services by the Embassy to Japanese investors. Md. Zoynal Abedin, First Secretary (Labour), of the Embassy presented on "Human Resources of Bangladesh-How it can benefit both Japan and Bangladesh". The seminar was co-organized by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Chiba, and supported by the Chiba Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), UNIDO-ITPO Tokyo, and JITCO. Officials and representatives from Japanese entities and embassy officials were also present at the Seminar.



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed is delivering welcome speech at the seminar

Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo organized Feedback seminar for outgoing JDS fellows



A feedback seminar for outgoing JDS fellows was held on 26 June 2023 at the Bangabandhu auditorium in the Embassy. The seminar was organized by the Economic wing of the Embassy in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE). H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Japan spoke as the Chief Guest while Mr. Syed Nasir Ershad, Economic Minister conducted the seminar. Mr. Sheikh Farid, Counsellor & HoC made a deliberation on the expectations from the JDS fellows while back home at their respective offices. On behalf of the Japanese side, Mr. Sakurai Takayuki of JICE delivered remarks. The fellows shared their experiences and knowledge gained during their stay and study in Japan.

They also provided feedback regarding the operation of the program by JICE. Overall, it was an important event adding value towards better management of the JDS fellowship program.

Manager, ALSOK Bangladesh Security Services Ltd. made a courtesy call on the H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed

Mr. Tsuyoshi Tanabe, Country Manager, ALSOK Bangladesh Security Services Ltd. made a courtesy call on the H.E. Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed on 12 June 2023. He explained ALSOK's activities in Bangladesh and possible collaboration with Bangladeshi companies and future expansion. H.E. Ambassador assured all possible support in this regard.



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