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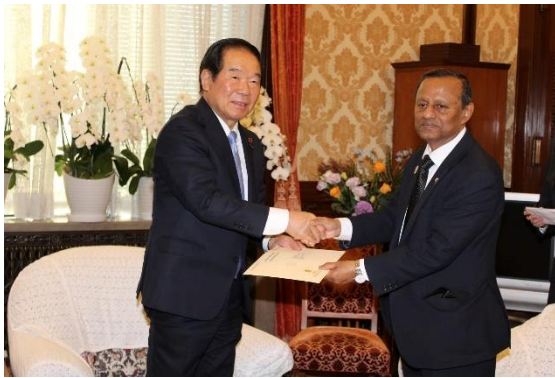
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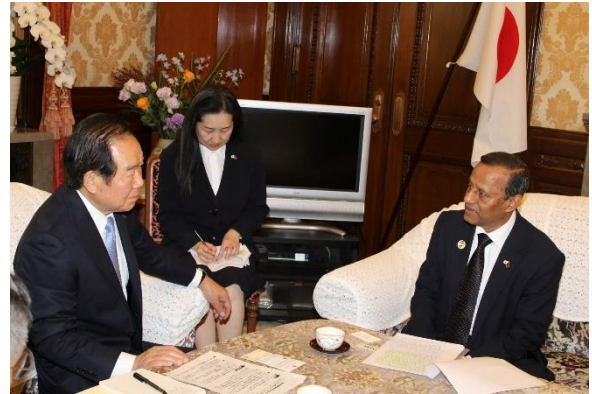
Ambassador handed over the congratulatory message from Speaker of Bangladesh National Parliament, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury addressed to Speaker NUKAGA on his appointment.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed is handing over the congratulatory message of Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury to Speaker NUKAGA Fukushima

Speaker NUKAGA is a 13-time elected MP from Ibaraki and served as Minister for Finance. He welcomed the Ambassador of Bangladesh at his office. Speaker thanked the Ambassador for carrying the letter from Bangladesh Speaker to him. They discussed on the status of bilateral relations based on the “Strategic Partnership” reached by the two leaderships during the official visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Japan in April 2023. Speaker NUKAGA mentioned Bangladesh as an important country in Japan’s policy of free and open Indo-Pacific. The two sides also discussed on the economic, trade and commercial relations as well as potential of human resource requirement in Japan. Speaker NUKAGA opined that for increase in Japanese investment flow to Bangladesh, political

stability, infrastructure, and energy requirements are important factors.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed in a courtesy call on Speaker of the House of Representatives of Diet of Japan, NUKAGA Fukushima

Bangladesh Ambassador said that Bangladesh is ready to provide skilled manpower to Japan to cater to the growing need of ageing Japanese population, which would create a win-win situation for both. He also referred to the direct flight between Bangladesh and Japan operated by Bangladesh Biman since September 2023 that would contribute more to this end. Referring to the upcoming general election in Bangladesh, Bangladesh Ambassador briefed the Japanese Speaker about the preparation being taken by the Independent Election Commission of Bangladesh under the Constitutional mandate to hold a free, fair and peaceful election slated for 07 January 2024. Bangladesh Election Commission has welcomed foreign observer/media including from Japan. Reiterating the invitation of the Bangladesh’s Speaker, the Ambassador also welcomed a Japanese parliamentary delegation to visit Bangladesh in the future and desired to work together in strengthening democratic practices in our common pursuit of peace, stability, and progress.

After the meeting, gift exchange took place where the Ambassador Ahmed handed over a Nakshikanta (embroidered quilt) depicting Bangladesh women weaving the

traditional work in a natural village setting. He also handed over the Japanese version of the “Unfinished Memoire” of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Ambassador recalled that Bangabandhu visited Japan in 1973, 50 years back and created interest in the new Japanese Speaker about Bangabandhu.

Deputy Chief of Mission Shah Asif Rahman, and Minister (Political) Sheikh Farid accompanied Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed at the meeting. Senior officials of Diet Secretariat were also present.

Bangladeshi IT Engineers Summit held in Tokyo

Japan Bangladesh IT Association (JBITA) organized Bangladeshi IT Engineers Summit in Tokyo on 12th December 2023.

State Minister for Posts, Telecommunications, and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak delivered keynote address at the summit.



State Minister for Posts, Telecommunications, and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak delivering speech at the Bangladeshi IT Engineers Summit

Ambassador of Bangladesh Shahabuddin Ahmed delivered opening remarks.

Anjan Das, President of JBITA & CEO, Kaicom Solution gave welcome remarks

while Chief Representative of JETRO Bangladesh Yuji Ando gave a presentation.

The second part of the event was a panel discussions of esteemed Bangladeshi IT professionals moderated by Shumpei Nakasone, CEO of Sun Corporation. The event continued with a networking dinner, fostering connections among participants.

On behalf of the Ambassador, Minister (Commerce) of the Bangladesh Embassy, Dr. Ariful Haque kicked off the dinner with a toast speech.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed giving speech at the Bangladeshi IT Engineers Summit

The event brought together over 150 participants from the IT industry keen on Bangladesh and was supported by Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS).

Victory Day 2023 Celebrated in Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo

The glorious Victory Day 2023 was observed in Tokyo with much enthusiasm and fervor.

The program started with hoisting of the National Flag in the morning by the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan Shahabuddin Ahmed with rendition of the National Anthem at the Embassy premises.

Later one-minute silence of respect was observed in the memory of the martyrs of

the war of independence of Bangladesh in 1971.



Embassy officials led by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed laying floral wreaths on the portrait of Father of the Nation

Later, the invited guests including Bangladeshi expatriates in Japan and the Embassy officials led by Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed laid floral wreaths on the portrait of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu auditorium. A special prayer was offered for the peace and salvation of the souls of valiant freedom fighters who made the supreme sacrifices during the liberation war. Besides, messages given on the Victory Day by the President, Prime-Minister, Foreign Minister and State-Minister for Foreign Affairs were read out to the audiences.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed is delivering speech at the Victory Day program

In the discussion session, Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed solemnly recalled and paid tribute to the greatest Bengali of all time, the architect of Bangladesh, Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman and his family members who died on 15 August 1975. He also paid homage to the martyrs of our liberation war, national four leaders, organizers and supporters of liberation war and sacrifices made by the two lacs women who lost their dignity and honor for the country. He said, due to Prime Minister's hard work and prudent leadership, Bangladesh's development and progress are now recognized worldwide. The ambassador urged all concerned to contribute more from their respective positions to implement the 'Vision 2041' declared by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to turn Bangladesh into a developed, prosperous and knowledge based smart country and to uphold the image of our country abroad.

President of Japan Bangladesh Society Ambassador Masato WATANABE also took part in the discussion. He lauded fifty years of strong relations between the two countries and development of Bangladesh. He hoped that future Bangladesh would be more developed and prosperous. Later leaders of the Bangladesh community and various social and cultural organizations living in Japan participated in the open discussion on the importance of the victory day.

The program ended with screening a video documentary on the liberation war of 1971.

Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo celebrated National Expatriates Day 2023

National Expatriates Day 2023 was celebrated with due importance and significance at Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo. As part of the celebration of the day, a discussion meeting was organized on 30 December 2023 at the Embassy with the participation of representatives of staff-sending organizations, owners and representatives of remittance houses, technical interns working in Japan, specified skilled workers and part-time workers on student visas.

At the beginning of the discussion program, the messages given by the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Home Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble Minister of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment on the occasion were read out.



Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed is delivering speech on National Expatriates Day 2023

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan, Shahabuddin Ahmad, in his welcome speech, said that the population of the country has become a public resource today due to the proper actions and management of the government. A large number of Bangladeshis are working with reputation in more than 170 countries of the world. The Ambassador thanked the remittance fighters for their important contribution to the economy of Bangladesh and urged all the Bangladeshis living in Japan to work with more patriotism, devotion and honesty for the development and reputation of the country.

He said, in view of International Migrants Day and National Expatriates Day, several Bangladeshi expatriates in Japan have been honored as CIP (Non-Resident Bangladeshis) this year. We hope that the number will increase in this field in the future. He said the corona pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war have adversely affected the economy of all the countries of the world including Bangladesh. He appealed to the participants of the meeting including the Bangladeshi expatriates in Japan to ensure the economic stability of their beloved motherland Bangladesh by

bringing more workers from Bangladesh, by sending remittances through legal channels and ensuring the financial stability of their families by joining the Universal Pension System.



Expatriate Bangladeshi, members of Bangladesh Community in Japan and embassy officials attending the program on National Expatriates Day 2023

First Secretary (Labor) Md. Zoynal Abedin made a power point presentation highlighting the importance and significance of sending remittances through legal channels, benefit of joining the Universal Pension System, the various facilities provided by the government for migrants and the special potential of employing Bangladeshi manpower in Japan. Later, the visiting guests participated in an open discussion and expressed their commitment to work together on various aspects of sending remittances through legal channels and employing more Bangladeshi manpower in Japan in the current situation. On behalf of Bangladesh Embassy, they are assured of all kinds of cooperation in this regard.



Two Distinguished (CIP) Expatriate Bangladeshis were honored at the program

At the end of the program, ten expatriates joined the Universal Pension System and Wage Earners Welfare Board through the One Stop Desk opened at Embassy.

Embassy officials were present on the occasion.



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