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“মুজিববর্ষের কূটনীতি, প্রগতি ও সম্প্রীতি”

## Press Release

### **Bangladesh Embassy in Madrid organizes a seminar titled "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh getting closer to Spain"**

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Madrid organized today a seminar at the University of Santiago de Compostela, a reputed university in Spain, with the theme "**Bangabandhu and Bangladesh getting closer to Spain**" as part of the twin celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the independence of Bangladesh and the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In his introductory speech, the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Spain, Andorra and Equatorial Guinea Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, ndc paid profound homage to the Father of the Nation. He recalled, with deep reverence, the political philosophy and the immortal legacy of the struggle, sacrifice and leadership of Bangabandhu as the founding father and architect of the independent Bangladesh.

Ambassador Mahmood also highlighted Bangladesh's spectacular socioeconomic achievements and developmental strides made under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and apprised the audience of the ongoing innovative efforts of the Embassy in advancing Spain-Bangladesh bilateral cooperation in several important areas, such as trade, commerce, investment, agriculture, education, art and culture, railway infrastructure development, youth and sports, technology transfer, and so on.

Spain hosts one of the largest Bangladeshi expatriate communities in Europe (more than 60,000). It has emerged as Bangladesh's fourth largest export destination in the world.


Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, eminent historian and Chair Professor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), Dhaka presented the keynote.

Rector of the University of Santiago de Compostela Professor Dr. Antonio López, the first Ambassador of Spain to Bangladesh Mr. Arturo Pérez Martínez, Inditex Chair of Spanish Language and Culture at the University of Dhaka Professor Dr. Santiago Fernández Mosquera and Vice-Rector of the University of Coruña Professor Dr. Pilar García de la Torre also addressed the seminar.

Further, Profesor Dr. Evaristo Zas Gómez of the University of Coruña shed light on the architectural marvel of the edifice of the National Parliament of Bangladesh and Profesor Dr. José Virgilio García Trabazo of the University of Santiago de Compostela, on the linguistic commonalities of Bengali and Spanish language and culture.

The seminar was attended by a number of students and academicians of the University of Santiago de Compostela, research analysts from renowned think tanks in Spain, prospective Spanish investors and members of the Bangladesh expatriates community, among others. The event generated remarkable interest in Bangabandhu and the Great Liberation War of 1971 in the Spanish public sphere and contributed to the people's appreciation of the glorious history and the rich tradition and heritage of Bangladesh.

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