

Bangladesh Embassy in Turkey Ankara

Bangladesh Embassy celebrates Victory Day

Press Release/16 December 2020: Bangladesh Embassy, Ankara befittingly celebrated the Victory Day of Bangladesh with festivity and enthusiasm in the Embassy's Auditorium, *Bijoy 71*. The programme was arranged in strict compliance of Covid-19 protocols.

The Day's programme began in the morning with the hoisting of the national flag by the newly appointed Ambassador of Bangladesh to Turkey Mosud Mannan ndc in presence of other officials and NRBs followed by placing of a wreath at the **BUST** of Bangabandhu at the Embassy premises. The Ambassador along with Madam Nuzhat Amin Mannan then inaugurated newly established **Bangabandhu Corner**, at the ground floor of the Embassy, and the **Photo Exhibition on the life and struggle of Bangabandhu** organized in the Foyer of the Embassy, through cutting of ribbons.

The second part of event was organized at Embassy's auditorium which was attended by officials and families of the Embassy, Bangladeshi students and community members based in Turkey along with some Turkish friends of Bangladesh.

The second session began with the recitation from Holy Quran by Md. Abul Bashar, Personal Officer of Ambassador & one-minute silence in honour of Bangabandhu, his fellow leaders, martyrs' and freedom fighters of Liberation War of Bangladesh. It was followed by reading out of messages of President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and State Minister for Foreign Affairs given on the victory day by H.E, the Ambassador, Minister and Deputy Head of Mission Md. Rais Hasan Sarower, Defence Attache Brig Gen. Md. Rashed Iqbal and First Secretary and HOC Sabuj Ahmed. A recorded victory day greeting of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was also screened. It was followed by a lively discussion session in engrossing participation of Professor Dr. Seljuk Çolacoğlu, Asia Pacific Studies, Ankara, Dr. Moynul Ahsan, Assistant Professor, Ankara University and Dr. Onup Kanti Das, senior official of IOM, Ankara, where they reflected their views on the historic aspect, significance and importance of the Victory Day.

The Bangladesh Ambassador, in his speech, paid rich homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who proclaimed Independence in the early hours of 26th March 1971 and whose 23 years arduous struggle and sagacious leadership earned the independence of Bangladesh. He recalled with deep regards the other leaders, three million martyrs and two hundred thousand women who had to sacrifice their honour for the Independence of Bangladesh. While reflecting on the background of the long timeline of War of Liberation, he highlighted on the significance of the victory day. He urged all present to guard the independence and contribute to help fulfilling the dream of Bangabandhu's *Sonar Bangla*- and also lend their hands to realize Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Vision 2021 and Vision 2041. The Ambassador also highlighted the growing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Turkey and exuded hope that the bilateral relations would further be enhanced to the mutual benefit of the two countries.

The programme ended with an entertaining cultural performance by Embassy staff and their family members specially children and Bangladesh students in Ankara. Suitable gifts were presented to all performers and children. The programme was conducted by First Secretary and HOC Sabuj Ahmed and Bangladeshi student Nabiha Tahrim. Participants at the end relished special Bangalee dishes arranged by Embassy.

Mentionable, Embassy brought out a special **Brochure** on the victory day and a special **Lapel Pin** on the birth centenary of Bangabandhu, which were distributed among all attendees. A popular daily newspaper **Dunya**, brought out a special supplement on the Victory Day of Bangladesh.