

**Bangladesh Embassy**

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**Press Release**

**Inauguration of a month-long photography exhibition at Istanbul University jointly organized by Bangladesh Embassy, Ankara and the historic University of Istanbul.**

**06 December 2021/ Turkey:** At the historic University of Istanbul a month-long photography exhibition and day long conference was inaugurated formally in the presence of the Hon'ble Governor/Deputy Governor of Istanbul, Chairman of Private Public Partnership and Secretary, Government of Bangladesh Ms. Sultana Afroz, respected Rector of Istanbul University Dr. Mahmud AK and H.E Ambassador of Bangladesh to Turkey Mr. Mosud Mannan ndc. This event is being held in observance of the Birth Centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

At the beginning of the event the month-long photography exhibition on Bangabandhu and Bangladesh was formally inaugurated at the Rectorate of Istanbul University by the Chief guest, Special guest and by the co-chair. the exhibition will continue up to 07 January 2022 for the interested viewers. Some of the invited guest appreciated in lighting the impact of the exhibition on the minds of the students and teacher of Istanbul University about Bangabandhu's eventful life and achievement and the natural beauty of Bangladesh despite the challenge of coronavirus pandemic situation. On the same day in the Doctoral hall, the day long conference on Bangladesh day was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor/Deputy Governor of Istanbul region. In his speech, he described about the various aspect of Turkish-Bangladesh relation and welcomed the collaboration of Bangladesh Embassy and Istanbul University in observance of the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh as well as the Birth Centenary of Bangabandhu, the founder of Bangladesh. Special guest Ms. Sultana Afroz also shared her valuable opinion on Turkey-Bangladesh relations and emphasized on the various possible projects that may take place between two countries in increasing development cooperation in the coming days. In the second half of the conference the new documentary film made by Mr. Shakil Reza Ifty (resident in Istanbul) on the life of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was screened (35 munities). After wards dignitaries of Bangladesh and Turkey made individual presentation on political relation, trade, cultural cooperation and

diplomatic understanding between the two friendly countries - Bangladesh and Turkey. Ms. Hulya Geldik, President of DEIK-Bangladesh, Board member \_\_\_\_\_ of Istanbul Chamber of Industry, Chairman GASAM (think tank), Director General of IRCICA, Ambassador Professor \_\_\_\_\_ President Marmara foundation and Bangladesh Consul General in Istanbul Dr. Mohammad Monirul Islam took part in the vary informative discussion.

In his speech co-chair Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc, paid rich tribute to Father the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for his life time achievement and great sacrificed. He also prayed Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her excellent strategical leadership and fast sighted planning which graduated Bangladesh from a rich develop country to a developing country early this year. At the same time Ambassador Mannan congratulated the citizens of Bangladesh who is living at home and abroad for their patriotism and dedicated service in achieving the Golden Bengali the dream of Bangabandhu.

Finally, all the speakers and guest of the conference thanked Istanbul University and Bangladesh Embassy for arranging this kind of event during the challenge of Coronavirus pandemic. Ambassador Mosud Mannan presented special crest to the Rector of the University and all guest present were entertained with well-known Bengali Lunch.

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