

BANGLADESH CONNECT

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Prime Minister inaugurates Chattogram-Cox's Bazar rail line



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the newly built 102-kilometre Dohazari to Cox's Bazar railway line on 11 November 2023, establishing the first rail link to southeast coast of Bangladesh, Cox's Bazar, which will usher in a new age of trade and connectivity for the region. The Dohazari-Cox's Bazar rail line, having nine stations, is part of the Trans-Asian Railway Network. This rail-line will connect Dhaka directly with the iconic natural beauty "the longest uninterrupted beach in the world", the Cox's Bazar sea beach.

Ambassador met with the Ministers of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw



Ambassador meets with Commerce Minister

Ambassador Dr. Md Monwar Hossain met with the Union Minister of Commerce H.E. U Tun Ohn, Union Minister of Education H.E. Dr. Nyunt Pe, and Central Bank Governor Daw Than Than Swe during his visit to Nay Pyi Taw on 9-10 November 2023.

During the meeting with the Commerce Minister, Ambassador discussed about enhancing bilateral trade and connectivity, emphasizing the need to diversify export products. Ambassador and the Union Minister of Education discussed issues on collaboration in the education sector and research cooperation between universities of both countries. The discussion with the Central Bank Governor revolved around addressing barriers at the Rakhine State border station, direct payment mechanisms, rice exports, and banking processes. The Ambassador, lately, followed up on health-related cooperation in a meeting with Union Health Minister Prof Thet Khaing Win.



Ambassador meets with Education Minister



Meeting with Central Bank Governor of Myanmar

Global Connect: Bangladesh candidates elected in various international platforms

Bangladesh, in global platform, has been successfully elected in a number of organizations across the world and various fields through elections. Bangladesh has been elected to the UNESCO Executive Board in Paris for the term 2023-27. Recently, Bangladesh has also won the International Maritime Organization (IMO) council election 2023 in category C. Ambassador Sheikh



Mohammed Belal has been elected as the Managing Director of at the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) for the consecutive second term.

Bangladesh offers quality education at a reasonable cost : Ambassador



Bangladesh Embassy in Yangon organized the first ever “Bangladesh Education Fair” on Sunday, 03 December 2023 at Hotel Melia, Yangon with great enthusiasm and fervor. Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Md Monwar Hossain inaugurated the Fair. Reputed public and private universities of Bangladesh, namely, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University (BSMRAU), American International University Bangladesh (AIUB), Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) and North South University (NSU) participated in the fair. The Embassy also organized a seminar titled “Affordable & Quality Education for all” at the same venue.

Myanmar students, representatives of the Yangon based higher educational institutes, academicians, parents and people from relevant field attended the fair. Mr. Nay Oke, President of the Private Schools-Colleges-Universities Association of Myanmar also spoke on the occasion and offered collaboration between their association and Bangladeshi universities.

UN adopts Rohingya resolution by consensus



The Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, on 15 November 2023, adopted the annual resolution on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar by consensus. The resolution commends the generosity and humanitarian supports of Bangladesh for hosting more

Ambassador meets with the Chairman of MISIS



Ambassador Dr. Md Monwar Hossain met with the Chairman of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) U Thant Kyaw on 11 November 2023 at the MISIS office in Yangon. During the meeting the Chairman briefed the Ambassador of the activities of the Institute as an observer affiliated with the ASEAN. He also highlighted its purpose as a think tank organization in various networks of Track-Two diplomacy. Bangladesh Ambassador mentioned that there are ample opportunities to collaborate with the think tanks of Bangladesh to enhance cooperation in the relevant field.

Ambassador visits Myanmar Chamber of Commerce



Ambassador Dr. Md Monwar Hossain held a meeting with U Aye Win, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on Thursday, 23 November 2023 at the UMFCCI head office. During the meeting, Ambassador reiterated the willingness of Bangladesh government to increase bilateral trade, connectivity, people-to-people and business-to-business contact. The President welcomed the initiatives taken by the Ambassador and offered his cooperation in strengthening business ties between the two countries. The Commercial Counsellor at the Embassy Mr. Shahedul Akber Khan, Counsellor (Political) Mr. A S M Sayem accompanied Ambassador and Vice-Presidents and Secretary general of UMFCCI were present at the meeting.

than 1.2 million Rohingya and calls upon Myanmar to address the root causes of the Rohingya crisis and create conducive environment in Rakhine to facilitate voluntary, safe and dignified return of the Rohingyas to their homeland in Myanmar.

Bangladesh Ambassador meets with the President of the Myanmar Private Hospitals' Association



Ambassador Dr. Md Monwar Hossain met with Dr. Htin Paw, President of the Central Executive Committee of the Myanmar Private Hospitals' Association (MPHA) on 13 November 2023 at MPHA office in Yangon. Ambassador highlighted the remarkable success of Bangladesh in primary health care, particularly the UN acclaimed community clinic model. He also discussed on possibilities of collaboration between the private doctors' associations of Bangladesh and Myanmar. He also explored the opportunities for Bangladeshi clinicians in Myanmar.

Ambassador attends celebratory programme of Bangladeshi Pharmaceutical product in Myanmar



Ambassador Dr. Md Monwar Hossain attended at a celebratory programme on 12 November 2023 of Aristopharma Ltd., a leading Bangladeshi pharmaceutical company operating in Myanmar since 2002. This sector in Bangladesh has flourished enough to meet 97% of the country's own demand & export to more than 100 countries. Some Bangladeshi companies have already been certified by globally recognized regulatory authorities like US-FDA, UK-MHRA, Australia-TGA, EU etc.

Campus Connect: Ambassador visits Public Universities in Yangon



Ambassador visits University of Foreign Languages

Ambassador Dr. Md Monwar Hossain, on separate days, visited the premier public universities in Yangon, namely, the University of Yangon, University of Foreign Languages, University of Economics, University of Education, Yangon University of Arts and Culture. During his visits, Ambassador met with the Rectors of the Universities along with the pro-rectors and dean of the universities. The University authorities offered brief presentation about academic and other activities of the respective universities. Later, he visited various academic departments and central libraries of the Universities. Ambassador



Ambassador at University of Yangon

discussed about the opportunities for academic and research collaboration and student exchanges between the University of Yangon and premier public universities in Bangladesh.

The Ambassador, during his visit to University of Education, referring to Bangladesh's experience and expertise in promoting and upskilling in early childhood education, offered that Bangladesh would be happy to share Bangladesh's best practices in this field with Myanmar.

Bangladesh Embassy observed the Armed Forces Day 2023



Bangladesh Embassy in Yangon observed the 52nd Armed Forces Day 2023 on 21 November 2023 at the Hotel Wynnham Grand, Yangon Hotel. Programme of the occasion included playing the national anthem, reading out of messages, knifing of a cake and remarks by the Ambassador. Ambassador Dr. Hossain attended the programme as guest of honour. Officials of the Embassy accompanied by family members and Members of Bangladesh Community in Yangon also attended the program.

In Photos



Ambassador at the University of Economics in Yangon



Ambassador meets with the Health Ministers



BSMRAU Pavillion at the Bangladesh Education Fair



NSU Pavillion at the Bangladesh Education Fair



AIUB Pavillion at the Bangladesh Education Fair



AUST Pavillion at the Bangladesh Education Fair



Ambassador meets the Rector of NUAC



Presentation at the University of Yangon