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Regional Director of UNHCR meets Ambassador



UNHCR team meets with the Ambassador

Regional Director of UNHCR, Ms. Hai Kyung Jun met with Bangladesh Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain on 30 September 2024 during her official trip to Myanmar. They discussed the current situation in Rakhine State and the short and long-term strategies necessary for resolving the Rohingya crisis in a way that ensures their rights and dignity. Ambassador, during the meeting, stressed on the importance of creating a conducive environment for the voluntary, safe, and dignified return of Rohingya refugees currently living in Cox's Bazar and other camps. UNHCR Representative in Myanmar Ms. Noriko Takagi and Embassy officials were also present in the meeting.

Ambassador awarded scholarships to the students of University of Public Health in Yangon



Ambassador handing over the grants to the students

Bangladesh Embassy in Myanmar has provided seed funding/microgrants to three talented MPH students at Myanmar's University of Public Health on 11 October 2024. This initiative, taken by the Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain is expected to facilitate vital research projects of next generation of public health leaders of Myanmar, contributing to improved public health outcomes for communities in Myanmar and beyond.

Ambassador speaks at the Rotary Club of Yangon



With the Officials of Rotary Club of Yangon

Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain spoke on the huge potentials of people-to-people connectivity between Bangladesh and Myanmar. He was attending a session titled 'Fostering Friendship: Bangladesh-Myanmar Relations' as the guest speaker on invitation of the Rotary Club of Yangon on 24 October 2024 at Hotel Park Royal, Yangon. Ambassador, during his discussion, featured public diplomacy as a unique avenue of strengthening relations by fostering people-to-people connections that transcend traditional G-to-G initiatives. He also mentioned that the Embassy has been working to build trust at grassroots level, creating goodwill, bridging cultural gaps, promoting understanding and addressing shared challenges such as health, education, development and peace between the two countries. Dr. Hossain further added that the Rotary's apolitical, service-oriented approach makes it a powerful platform for soft diplomacy, where collaborative efforts can lead to deeper, sustained relationships and facilitate dialogue, mutual understanding and trust. With this event the Embassy has kick-started a new public diplomacy campaign termed as "Grassroots Diplomacy" to reach out to the people at the community level.

Rector of the University, awardee students (Dr. Swe Sing Maung Maung, Dr. Lac Mon Aung and Dr. Myat Thu) expressed their deep gratitude for the Embassy's contribution. Ambassador Dr. Hossain, in his speech, highlighted the progress Bangladesh made in the public health sector, particularly in immunization and making the health services available at the doorsteps of the citizens.

Embassy holds Business Meeting with Korean investors in Myanmar



A delegation of the Embassy, led by Bangladesh Ambassador, met with the leading South Korean businessmen in Myanmar on 08 October 2024. Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain, during his briefing, highlighted Bangladesh's competitive advantages as a fast-growing economy with investment-friendly policies. He also underscored the strong trade and diplomatic ties with ROK, including existing investments and encouraged them to view Bangladesh as a promising destination for further investments, particularly in garments, renewable energy, green technologies, and light engineering products. Ambassador of Republic of Korea H.E. Kang Kymgu was accompanied by the diplomats of the Embassy and prominent businessmen of Korea in Myanmar. Commercial counsellor Mr. Shahedul Akber Khan and Counsellor (Political) Mr. ASM Sayem of the Embassy were also in attendance.

Ambassador attended at the Bangladesh Badminton Fest in Yangon



Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain inaugurated the event 'Badminton Fest-2024' organized and participated by the members of Bangladesh community in Myanmar. Total 36 teams participated in the league stage of the tournament. Ambassador also gave away the trophies among the champion team. In his brief remarks, Ambassador said that sports not only improve physical and mental wellbeing but also strengthens relations among people. He appreciated Team Tigers for organizing such an event and thanked the members of Bangladesh community for participating in the event whole heartedly.

Embassy Business team visits Chinese Business Chamber in Yangon



Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain met with some Chinese businessmen at the China Enterprises Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar on 01 October 2024. During the meeting, Embassy officials made presentations on business opportunities and facilities extended towards the foreign investors in Bangladesh. The Embassy delegation highlighted the rapidly growing economy, strategic location, young and dynamic workforce for which Bangladesh is poised to become a good destination for business and trade in South Asia. The delegation also answered to the queries of the Chinese entrepreneurs and made an invitation to explore investment opportunities in Bangladesh emphasizing collaboration in sectors like textiles, technology, and renewable energy.

Ambassador visits Myanmar Livestock Association



With the office bearers of MLA

Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain had a meeting with the leaders of the Myanmar Livestock Association. The visit was aimed at exploring opportunities for mutual benefit between the two countries in livestock sector. Ambassador shared Bangladesh's growing demand for high-quality, diverse animal proteins, especially beef and processed meat (and seafood), which could enhance both economies and contribute to regional food security. The office bearers of the association highlighted that Myanmar has the potential to play a significant role in meeting demand of Bangladesh for quality protein. Commercial Counselor of the Embassy accompanied the Ambassador.

Embassy donates refrigerators to the Yangon Children Hospital



Bangladesh Embassy in Myanmar donated two refrigerators to the cancer ward of Yangon Children Hospital on 09 October 2024 on the occasion of World Children's Day (Monday, 7 October) and Child Rights Week (29 September to 5 October). This contribution was aimed at helping the preservation of essential medicines and supporting the hospital's efforts to provide better care for children battling cancer. During the handing over ceremony Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain said that the gesture reflects Bangladesh's commitment to improving healthcare access for children everywhere and fostering stronger ties with the people of Myanmar through humanitarian support. Senior Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr. Aung Tun Oo, Senior Professors, faculties, Embassy officials also were in attendance.

Ambassador visited the Yeazin University



Ambassador Dr. M Monwar Hossain visited the Yeazin Agricultural University (YAU) of Myanmar in Naypyitaw. He had interacted with the Rector, Pro-Rector, senior administrators and faculty of YAU on the possibility of research collaboration, exchange programs, sharing of data and best practices and knowledge transfer between the Agricultural Universities of Bangladesh and Myanmar. During discussion Ambassador Dr. Hossain mentioned the excellence Bangladesh gained in agricultural production and technology in last few decades. He also underscored that the role of agricultural education and training on national development of Bangladesh is significant. Mentionable that YAU is the only higher learning institution for agriculture and allied education in Myanmar.

Archaeological sites of Dhaka portrayed in an inflight magazine of Myanmar.



Renowned archaeological sites in Dhaka, Bangladesh including the Ahsan Manjil, the Parliament House and the Lalbag Fort have been featured in a leading inflight magazine of Myanmar. The story also showcases Dhaka's rich culture, bustling streets, historic landmarks, and rich culinary scene reflecting the city's blend of tradition and modernity. As Dhaka continues to evolve,



this recognition underscores the importance of relations between Bangladesh and Myanmar, and the need for air connectivity between capitals of the two countries. The article invites travellers to explore Dhaka's unique charm and encourages visitors to experience the warmth and hospitality of Bangladesh's capital.

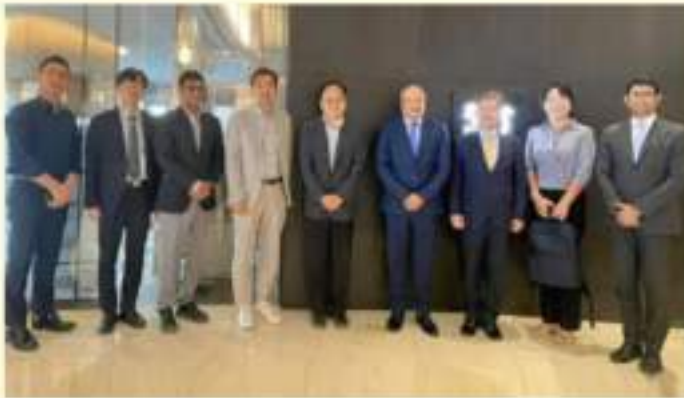
In Photos



With Chinese businessmen



Ambassador with Rector and recipients of grant



With the Korean businessmen



Faculties of Yezin Agricultural University



Presentation of thesis at UPH



Discussion with the Senior Medical Superintendent



Question and answer session at Rotary Club



Participants of the Badminton Fest-2024