

## Press Release

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### **Subject: The Chinese Commissioner in Hong Kong handed over the 'Exequatur' to the new Consul General of Bangladesh**

Today, Mr. Liu Guangyuan, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in Hong Kong, handed over the 'Exequatur/Consular Certificate' to Ms. Israt Ara to officially function as the new Consul General of Bangladesh to both Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions. Notably, Ms. Ara is the first female Consul General since establishment of Bangladesh Trade Office in Hong Kong in 1976 which later became the Consulate General in 1996.

During this occasion, the Chinese Commissioner also highly praised the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for congratulating China on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party in 2021 and the strategic partnership between Bangladesh and China that developed during her term. He commented that this partnership would be essential for the mutual cooperation in various sectors. Consul General also thanked the Hon'ble President Xi Jinping for the video message on the occasion of the Birth Centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Golden Jubilee of the independence of Bangladesh. She shared that Bangabandhu was mesmerized by the natural beauty of Hong Kong during his visit to Hong Kong and China in 1952 and 1957. She briefed the Commissioner about the recent socio-economic development of Bangladesh under the dynamic and prudent leadership of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

While highlighting the "One Country, Two System" in Hong Kong, the Commissioner then briefed the Consul General about the recent electoral reform and new National Security Law imposed recently. The Consul General congratulated the Commissioner on the joyous occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong to Mainland China which falls on 01 July 2022.

Both of them underscored to strengthen the strategic partnership between Bangladesh and China and promotion of trade and investment between Bangladesh and Hong Kong in the coming days.

The Consul General cordially invited the Commissioner to visit Bangladesh at a convenient time which he gladly accepted. The Consul General thanked him for the meeting and for the support to the Consulate General. The meeting ended with exchange of gifts and photo session.

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