



# JUAAB NEWS

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## President's Message



Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain It is indeed a great pleasure for me to write a short message on the special occasion of a "Gathering of the Recently Returned Graduates & Participants from Japan and the JUAAB Members" on 4th November, 2010. This type of gathering is for the first time in Bangladesh and it is organized jointly by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan. In fact, Mr. Hiroshi Omura of the Embassy of Japan took the initiative for this event and, therefore, he deserves our sincere thanks.

One special feature of this gathering is that we have also invited the short-period participants of the JENESYS Programs who will be able to interact with the members of JUAAB and will perhaps be influenced to carry out their higher studies in Japan in the near future.

The recently returned graduates will get a chance to know more about JUAAB and its activities and they will perhaps be convinced to become Members of JUAAB soon.

JUAAB is deeply grateful to H.E. Ambassador Shinotsuka and his Embassy for supporting this event and we shall expect its continuation during the days to come.

**Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain**  
President, JUAAB

## Ambassador's Message



His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka

Let me congratulate the first occasion of the Gathering of JUAAB members, recently returned students and graduates from Japanese Scholarships and invitation programs.

The aim of the gathering is to exchange latest information on Japan and the life in Japan as well as to provide opportunities for newly returned students and graduates who studied in Japan to meet JUAAB members as a follow-up of their study in Japan.

I hope the gathering will help JUAAB members welcome younger and recent graduates for sustainable management of JUAAB. Also, it will encourage young students who have visited Japan by some invitation programs to be future candidates to go back to study in Japan.

I wish the participants of the gathering will further strengthen their network and the relationship between Japan and Bangladesh. It is my sincere hope that JUAAB will continue to be a center of the gathering for the people who love Japan in Bangladesh.

**Tamotsu Shinotsuka**  
Ambassador of Japan  
to the People's Republic of Bangladesh



### Farewell to Ms. Yoshie Aihara and Welcome Mr. Hideki Igawa

Ms. Yashie Aihara, the Deputy Secretary of Information and Cultural Division, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh has left the country. Ms. Aihara played a pivotal role in the development of JUAAB and had given considerable time and effort of ensure its growth. JUAAB acknowledges her contribution for the association. Mr. Hideki Igawa replaced Ms. Yoshie Aihara in Dhaka. JUAAB hosted a farewell function for Ms. Yoshie Aihara and welcome for Mr. Hideki Igawa on July 22, 2010 at JUAAB office. Prof. Dr. Rakiba Sultana, Joint Secretary of JUAAB handed over a gift to Ms. Yoshie Aihara as token of appreciation. Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain presided over the function.



## EDITORIAL



Dr. Chowdhury Moin Jan

On the occasion of the "Recently returned graduates from Japanese Universities" it is our great pleasure to publish News Letter. JUAAB was established on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2000 by the Bangladeshi nationals graduated from the Universities of Japan with a view to forgoing and fostering the bonds of friendship and amity among the JUAAB members as well as between the peoples of Bangladesh and Japan through

exchange of academic knowledge, socio-cultural understanding and mutual appreciation of the old-age heritage of the two Asian Nations. It provides information on Japan, education in particular. It offers regular course on Japanese language and Ikebana. It is the forum of Bangladesh-Japan public diplomacy, giving authentic information and dispelling misconception and misinterpretation on both countries.

JUAAB has taken initiatives to encourage cultural exchange at both grassroots and regional levels by organizing every year in the month of February "International Mother Language Day" and "Bengali Speech Contest" with the participation of different cultural background peoples. Recently from the last year JUAAB and Japanese Embassy jointly organize the "National Speech Contest" which was a big success.

Furthermore, JUAAB has joined hands with other South Asian countries to create South Asian Federation of the Japanese Universities Alumni Associations (SAFJUA) and a reunion of former students (Tsudoi) in every year is organized by the ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan. Delegates from Southwest Asia, Middle East, Central Asia and Mongolia, Fiji are attending the program. This year two members of JUAAB namely Prof. Ishtiaq Mahmud, Chief Adviser and Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Moin Jan, Research and Publication Secretary attended the meeting. All these activities give us opportunity to share ideas for joint collaboration in research, education and increase the friendship amongst regional countries. Also it helps us again to realize the relevance of Japan experience development as well as to serve for individual nation.

In the month of August, 2010 we have received US \$ 4,476.35 for Japanese Language Educational Activities from Japan Foundation. This grant will expand our Japanese language related activities.

Finally welcome of the returned graduates and many thanks for the kind cooperation and support all of members of JUAAB and Embassy of Japan.

**Dr. Chowdhury Moin Jan**  
Research & Publication Secretary, JUAAB

## HRTIEST CONGRATULATIONS!



**Prof. Dr. Md. Khalilur Rahman**  
elected President of Alumni  
Association of  
Tokyo Tech-UNESCO Fellows of  
Tokyo Institute of Technology,  
Tokyo, Japan

Professor Dr. Md. Khalilur Rahman of Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Dhaka, was elected as the Founding President of Alumni Association of Tokyo

Tech-UNESCO Course (ATTUNE) of Tokyo Institute of Technology (TIT), on 10 December, 2009, for 2 years term (extendable for another term) in an International Symposium at TIT on "Enhancing Global Human Resources Development in Science and Technology" Mr. Masayuki Inoue, President of Educational Exchanges Services (JEES) and the immediate past Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, 200 foreign TIT scientists attended the symposium. Only the foreign scientists under UNESCO fellowships were eligible to participate in the election. Three Vice-Presidents were also elected globally from different regions of the world. Elected in the 16 members Executive Committee. The purpose of the Association is to develop relationships and to share information among members, specially in developing collaborative programs in researches relating to science and technology. It may be mentioned here that Dr. Rahman discovered the enzyme Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase(AADC) in mammalian blood for the first time in the world. His discoveries opened the new ways of thinking about the emotion, sex, sleep, behavior, mood, thinking, learning and treatments of brain diseases and cardiovascular regulations. He also discovered 5 new DNA helicase enzymes in human cells when he was doing his postdoctoral researches. He is the Advisor of JUAAB and Life Member of many professional Bodies.

### Introduction of the new Member of the Embassy of Japan



Mr. Hideki Igawa

2010 Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh  
2006 Embassy of Japan in Ukraine  
2003 Embassy of Japan in Uganda  
2002 Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle  
2000 Okinawa liaison office of MOFA  
2000 North American Affairs Bureau of MOFA  
1991 PSIA  
1991 Nihon University

### OBITUARY

JUAAB expresses heart-felt condolence on the sudden demise of its Veteran Member-Arch. A.R. Gholam Mohammad on 10 April, 2010. We pray for eternal peace of the departed soul. A.R. Gholam Mohammad got Architectural Engineering Degrees from Japan. He was former Adviser of JUAB.





## SPEECH FROM MR. HIROSHI OMURA FOR IKEBANA IN BANGLADESH



Ikebana, one of the traditional arts of Japan, has been practiced for more than 600 years. It developed from the Buddhist ritual of offering flowers to the spirits of the dead. By the middle of fifteenth century, with the emergence of the first classical styles, Ikebana achieved the status of an art from independent

of its religious origins, though it continued to retain strong symbolic and philosophical overtones. The first teachers and students were priests and members of the nobility. However, as time passed, many different schools arose, styles changed, and Ikebana came to be practiced at all levels of Japanese society.

Ikebana is creative expression within certain rules of construction. Its materials are living branches, leaves, grasses, and blossoms. Its heart is the beauty resulting from color combinations, natural shapes, graceful lines, and the meaning latent in the total form of the arrangement. Ikebana is, therefore, much more heartfelt expression than mere floral decoration.

In Bangladesh, authentic practice of Ikebana was introduced in 1974 with the cooperation of Embassy of Japan. Since then under the supervision of eminent Ikebana experts, many students have successfully learnt the art of Ikebana. I would like to mention the dedicated works done by ABKD, AOTS and JUAAB, for their excellent job to promote Ikebana in Bangladesh.

The Ikebana brings us close to nature. The flowers make our souls in very calm and beautiful feeling. It is directly connected to our feeling to the sustainable future on the earth. We must have a mind to protect the nature for our future through the Ikebana.

I hope Ikebana School in JUAAB will bring us to consider and feel our better future with a beautiful nature, and to strengthen the existing ties between Japan in Bangladesh through Japanese Culture.

Thank you very much and Donnobad.

Hiroshi Omura  
First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh

## NINETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of JUAAB was held on 27 March, 2010 at 4 pm in the "Jalshaghar" of Hotel Purbani International, Dhaka all Members of JUAAB took part in AGM. Prof. Dr. A B M Obaidul Islam General Secretary of JUAAB presented the annual report and the financial report was presented by Prof. Dr. Rakiba Sultana Joint Secretary of JUAAB. The floor was then open to all for discussion on reports presented and approval. The AGM unanimously approved the annual report and the financial report for the year 2008-2010. Dr. A K M Moazzem Hussain president of JUAAB, presided over the meeting. The General Meeting ended of with thanks by the Vice President-I Prof. Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain.

At 7.00 pm cultural program & annual dinner was held in the Jalshaghar. H. E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh graced occasion as the special guest and delivered a thoughtful speech. Cultural program, was led by Dr. Md. Khabir Uddin, Cultural Secretary of JUAAB. Renowned singer and dancer performed at the occasion followed by a gala dinner.

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## JUAAB ACTIVITIES



H.E Tamotsu Shinotsuka, EC Member of JUAAB and other guests in the 'Grant Program for Japanese Language Educational Activities' from Japan Foundation



Monbukagakusho orientation program was held on 28th August at TSC, DU. Mr. Hiroshi Omura, Hideki Igawa, Dr. Hasina Ferdousi and EC Members of JUAAB along with Monbukagakusho scholars



Delegate from JF delivered his speech during Japan Foundation seminar on 'Aim of New JLPT'



Japanese Language teacher handed over a flower to Ms. Kyoko Suzuki, education adviser of Japan foundation

## JUAAB COURSES

### Japanese Language Courses :

- 10-month long Course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-5) and also to continue higher level courses and higher studies in Japan.  
(Classes: 3 days a week; Fees: Tk. 15,000/-).
- 8-month long Course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-4).  
(Classes: 3 days a week; Fees: Tk. 12,800/-).
- 3-month Short Course (3 times a year) for those willing to learn the basic conversation.  
(Fees: Tk. 4,800/-).
- One-month Orientation Course for the Monbukagakusho Scholarship Awardees.

### Ikebana and Dry Flower Making Course :

The class is held on Saturday, 10:00-11:30 Ikebana and 11:30-01:00 Dry Flower Making. The Course Fee is Tk. 3000/- for three months.

## FORTH COMING EVENTS 2010-2011

- Japanese Language Proficiency Test of 5th December, 2010.
- 2nd National Japanese Language Speech Contest on 28th January, 2011.
- Ikebana Demonstration 4th February, 2011.
- JUAAB EC Election on March 2011.

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