



# JUAAB NEWS

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## Message from Ambassador Hiroyasu Izumi



Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh

It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate you for organizing the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Bangladesh.

Japan and Bangladesh have been enjoying excellent friendship through a wide range of collaborations and exchanges not only in the diplomatic and economic fronts, but also in various fields including higher education and cultural field over decades. In this regard, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to JUAAB and its members for their sincere effort to promote educational and cultural exchanges for past 17 years.

I recall it with joy that the 'Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)' in December last year, '9th National Speech Contest for Japanese Language' in February and the 'Study in Japan Seminar 2018' at BUET in March were successfully co-organized by JUAAB and the Embassy. I believe that your passion and strong intention to promote Japanese culture, language and education have encouraged a lot of young Bangladeshi to learn more about Japan.

Lastly, I would like to appreciate JUAAB members' tremendous effort and achievement in your activities. I sincerely hope that JUAAB will continue to extend its effort to facilitate cultural exchanges between Japan and Bangladesh, bringing our two peoples even closer.

Hiroyasu Izumi  
Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh

## Message from the President of JUAAB



JUAAB has entered into a new era of development in every sphere of her working arenas through harnessing the strength and expertise of JUAAB members and exploring all available resources. With continuous practicing of democratic norms and principles, JUAAB has become the symbol of unity and strength, that ultimately trigger these developments in prolific fashion. JUAAB's Japanese language school has been running with dignity and pride, not only in the delivery of the courses by efficient Japanese and local language teachers, but also in production of quality graduates, who perform well in JLPT, VISA grabbing, speech contest and admission in Nihongo Gakko. Japanese language learning in the country has got new dimension, because of the support of H.E. the new Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Mr. Hiroyasu Izumi. National Japanese Speech Contest in this year has created lots of interest and enthusiasm among the contestants, while two private companies working in Bangladesh sponsored awards of different kinds to the successful contestants, for the first time so far. Ambassador's Medal was awarded to the top ranked contestants. The success of the Japanese language speech contest has encouraged JUAAB to revive Bangla language speech contest for Japanese nationals living in BD again, which had long been a piece of creative amusement for Japanese association here.

JUAAB has been more vibrant now than ever before. This will speed up further in the upcoming years, when it is shifted from rented home to own building premises- a 4,000 ft<sup>2</sup> exclusive commercial office space in the heart of Farmgate- the space has already been booked for purchase.

In the journey of JUAAB's standing as one best, well-organized and successful organization, the support of the Embassy of Japan, Japan Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are huge and JUAAB sincerely appreciates all their contributions. JUAAB wants and requests further supports from all corners, the alumni, the embassy and Japan Foundation, to complete her mission of establishing it as a self-reliant organization.

Thank you all for your previous, on-going and future supports.

Professor Dr. A. K. M. Nurul Islam  
President, JUAAB





## General Secretary's Report 23 March 2018

On the occasion of 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB), I would like to express my great indebtedness, heart-felt thanks and sincere appreciation to all of you. As we all believe and are working to ascertain the beauty that the JUAAB is an organization of an assorted group of people from various disciplines and professions, who have acquired highest academic degrees from different Japanese Universities and now been playing pivotal roles in national development of Bangladesh. Perceiving into the history, another year has flown after 16<sup>th</sup> AGM of JUAAB which was held at 'Thai-Chi Restaurant, 117/A Old Airport Road, Bijoy Saroni, Dhaka-1215 with full energy and vigor to put forward JUAAB activities. Various activities have been done during the passing year. Now, I shall try to give a short description of the major activities carried out by the JUAAB team under the supervision of Executive Committee during last one year.

### (1) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of JUAAB

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on March 31, 2017 at Thai-Chi Restaurant, 117/A Old Airport Road, Bijoy Saroni, Dhaka-1215 at 6:30 PM. A total of 210 (Two hundred ten) JUAAB members, guests were present in the meeting.

### (2) Activities of Japanese Language School of JUAAB

JUAAB is running a Japanese Language School with two courses of which long course for 6 months and a short course for 3 months. From March 2017 to February 2018, 6 long courses of level 5, 12 short courses and two six months course of level N4 were completed successfully. A new course of Level-4 has started from January, 2018



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along with level 5 and short course. For accommodation of increase number of students and for new course of Level-4, JUAAB EC has rented a space for class room and recruited one Native Japanese Teacher. After the ending of each course certificates were distributed through a ceremonial event. Audience will be happy to know that last year total 600 students were enrolled in JUAAB language school and students of JUAAB Japanese Language school have passing more in JLPT Exam in compare to the students of other Japanese Language school in Bangladesh.

### (3) Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

Being authorized by the Japan Foundation (through the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh), JUAAB conducting JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) in the month of July and December every year. Students from all Japanese Language School in Bangladesh take part in



JUAAB EC (2017-2019)

this test. JLPT Exam-2017 was held on 2nd July and 3rd December. Juaab Members of different institutions was selected as proctor and assistant proctor to conduct this examination.

### (4) Visitors Attended at JUAAB Office

Representative from some Japanese Language Schools of Japan visited JUAAB office in the month of February, March, November, 2017 and January, 2018. Among them are Mr. Sumita, representative from Kyoto Minsai Japanese Language School in Japan and Mr. Satoshi Representative from FSG College League, Japan. General Secretary of JUAAB and course coordinator of JUAAB Japanese Language School welcomed them and a fruitful discussion was held between them on further improvement of Japanese Language Course and for collaboration. As JUAAB is maintaining an appropriate procedure in Japanese Language teaching such as syllabus, teaching tools, listening materials in course examinations process so they showed intend to accept students from JUAAB School for higher study in Japan. Initiative has been taken to develop MOU between JUAAB and Japanese Language institutions.

### (5) AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA)

The 8<sup>th</sup> AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association was held on 17 June 2017 at Meghna Auditorium of Women's Volunteer Association (WVA), Dhanmondi. Life Adviser Mrs. Kazuyo Zoha, Life Patron of BIA, Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, BIA Senior Vice President, Mrs. Shahinoor Baby and some other members and guests were present in the occasion.

### (6) Monbukagakusho orientation program

An orientation program for MONBUKAGAKUSHO awardees through direct communication to professors of different university of Japan was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This program was organized jointly by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan, at Sher-e- Bangla Agricultural University, Sheikh Kamal Anusad Bhaban (Conference Room), Dhaka. Professor Dr. AKM Nowsad Alam, President, Prof. Dr. Rakiba Sultana, Vice President, Prof. Noor Md. Rahmatullah, Treasurer and Prof Dr. Mohammad Abdullah Khan, was present in the program and Ms. Najneen Akther Ruba from Japan Embassy was present in this auspicious program. One Hundred fifty eight students obtained scholarship in October 2017 session to pursue higher studies at different universities of Japan and all awardees were present in this orientation program. Dr. Kamrun Nahar and Dr. Ayesha Chowdhury, Recently returned graduated from Japan gave a speech on "Life style in Japan" and Ms. Najneen Akther Ruba discussed on Visa application procedures and visa application form were distributed among the students. In addition to that, an orientation program was arranged by Japan Embassy on March 07, 2018 at Japan Embassy premises for the Embassy recommended 12 MONBUKAGAKUSHO awardees. Dr. Bapon Dey, Recently returned graduated from Japan gave a speech on "Life style in Japan".

### (7) Education seminar at Department of Civil Engineering, BUET on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

An education seminar was held in collaboration of JUAAB and Japan



Embassy at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Seminar Room. About 70 participants (Students) were present in the education seminar. Head of the Civil Engineering Department, delivered his welcome speech. Dr. Shohel Rana and Dr. Chanchal Kumar Roy Assistant Professor, BUET made a power point presentation on "Study in Japan as a foreign student". Prof. Dr. Md. Shakhawat Hossain Firoz and Dr. Md. Joynal Abdin from JUAAB EC were present this seminar. Dr. Kaosar Afsana, Education Adviser of Japan Embassy, presentation on Japanese Government Scholarship. The seminar was well organized and successfully completed under the supervision of JUAAB member Dr. Raquib Ahsan and EC Member Prof. Dr. Md. Shakhawat Hossain Firoz.

#### (8) Courtesy call at Ambassador Residence

A Courtesy call was arranged by the honorable Ambassador in his residence on January 4, 2018. JUAAB President, General secretary, Treasurer, Senior Vice President, Vice President and Present and Past Chairman of advisory Council were invited on that party. A fruitful discussion was held with honorable Ambassador about the present and future planning of JUAAB activities.

#### (9) The 9<sup>th</sup> National Speech Contest in Japanese Language

9<sup>th</sup> National speech contest in Japanese Language of Bangladeshi contestants was held on 24<sup>th</sup> February,



9<sup>th</sup> National Speech Contest

2018 at 'NASCENT GARDENIA' Baridhara, Dhaka. A preliminary contest for short-listing of candidates was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at JUAAB office under the supervision of General Secretary Professor Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam, and language course coordinator Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain. Some EC and General members of JUAAB were present on that program. 15 contestants were selected for final speech contest. Japanese Language Experts Mrs. Eiko Hussain and Ms. Machiko Yamamura, acted as the judges for preliminary speech contest.

In the Final National speech contest, H.E. Mr. Hiroyasu Izumi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh were present as chief guest. Mr. Ryoma Hamamura, President, Japan Commerce & Industry Association in Dhaka, Mr. Daisuke Arai, Country Representative, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Dhaka Office, Mr. Shoichi Sato, Chief Productive Officer, Bangladesh Honda Private Limited, Mr. Naoki Asakura, Representative Officer, Marubeni Corporation, Dhaka Office, Ms. Kiyoko Eguchi, Special Lecturer in Japanese Language, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Mr. Makoto Ejiri, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan acted as judges. Ms. Machiko Yamamura, Head of Public Affairs and Cultural Section of Japan Embassy were also present. Prof. Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam presided over the program and Dr. AKM Shameem Alam was the master of ceremony. Mehjabin Alam awarded 1st, Nahida Islam awarded 2nd and Sumaiya Kabir awarded 3rd position in the contest. As per rules top two contestants Mehjabin Alam and Nahida Islam were elected to participate in the upcoming SAFJUAAB speech contest. Ambassador Medal, Honda Jersey, Japanese Dictionary, educational tools and certificate was given to First, Second and Third position and certificate of participation was given to all others participants.

#### (10) JUAAB permanent Office space

Although JUAAB already purchased a permanent office space of 1138 sf from Shamsul Alamin Real Estate Ltd. The space is located in, Alamin Apon Heights, Plot No. 27/1/B, Shyamoli, Dhaka. But present JUAAB executive committee felt that for the further development and sustainability of JUAAB it become necessary of a large permanent school and office space. Every member will be happy to know that to fulfil this view

JUAAB got a suitable space of 4000<sup>sf</sup> at Indira road, Farmgate and made an agreement deal with DOM INO developer company.

#### (11) Publication of JUAAB News

Like previous years JUAAB have published a News Letter covering the all JUAAB activities and informations of the financial year 2017-2018.

#### (12) Financial status of JUAAB

JUAAB Treasurer would have been very much prepared to present the audit report to the house of the AGM in detail. However, I would like to give you a brief idea on financial matter. In spite of reducing the budget from the Embassy, we have been able to raise funds from BDT.2,05,27,681 of fiscal year 16-17 to BDT. 2,82,31,002 In the fiscal year 17-18. This graceful saving was possible to made mostly by raising funds from different sources like Language school, JLPT Exam, etc.

#### (13) Executive Committee (EC) meeting

JUAAB EC always tried their best to do the work with highest sense of responsibility and transparency. Generally as per provision, in each of 3 (three) months, 2 (two) EC meetings were conducted, in addition several special EC meetings also held. Total of 7 (seven) EC meetings were conducted during last one year for smooth conduction of JUAAB Activities. Several meeting also held with Embassy officials for strengthening relation between JUAAB and Japan Embassy.

#### (14) SAFJUAAB Meeting and Speech contest was held in

Islamabad, Pakistan 17-18, March 2018

As per decision of JUAAB Executive Committee, member of JUAAB Advisory Council Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Mahmud was requested to attend the meeting. But unfortunately JUAAB representative and two selected contestants did not get Visa to attend the program.

Professor Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam  
General Secretary, JUAAB



Representative of JUAAB EC & AC with HE Ambassador

#### JUAAB COURSES

##### Japanese Language Courses:

Six- month long course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-5, N-4) and also to continue higher level courses and higher studies in Japan  
Classes: 3 days a week, Fees TK. 20,000/-

Three month short courses (3 times a year) for those willing to learn the basic conversation. Fees TK. 10,000/-

##### Ikebana and Dry Flower making courses:

The classes are held on Saturday, 10:30 am for Ikebana and 11:30 am to 01:00 pm for Dry Flower Making.

The course fee TK. 6,000/- for three months





## Editorial

The Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) is an organization of the professionals of mercantile disciplines. The main objectives of JUAAB is to make a connective bridge and to build relationship among the Alumni from Japanese University with the all kinds of people in Bangladesh specially the people who are interested about Japanese people, culture, education and society. News letter of this organization is performing the pioneer role to introducing its activities and the member with other persons having interest on Japan. Hope this issue will make relation among all the stakeholders as it reflects our images to make an impact in viewing JUAAB'S ongoing and upcoming activities.

The current executive committee whole heartedly leading JUAAB by incorporating the view of the Alumni and successfully and regularly organizes all the events offered by Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh and the events of its own. To familiarize Japanese cultures, education, social value and practices, the organization regularly arranges Japanese language courses and other socio-cultural events. JUAAB is now a well-known organization to the people of all clusters of Bangladesh. The office bearers of this organization are giving suggestions and other related services to the students and peoples whom are interested to go the Japan for study and other purposes. The Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh is playing the annotating role to keep the process visible and active and continues the process of returnees to contribute the society of Bangladesh as well as JUAAB with fresh and modern ideas and knowledge.

We request all Alumni to participate actively and make JUAAB the most successful organization in Bangladesh.

We express our heartiest thanks and gratitude to H.E. Mr. Hiroyasu Izumi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Japanese Embassy officers and staffs, Alumni, our honorable advisors as well as EC leaders and above all JUAAB office staffs for their cordial cooperation, guidance and suggesting to publish this newsletter.

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