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Message from Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh



Let me express my heartfelt congratulations for holding the 14th Annual General Meeting of JUAAB.

It is a laudable step that JUAAB is taking to establish its own brand new office space and becoming a self-sustaining organization at this auspicious time when Japan-Bangladesh bilateral relations has been elevated to "Comprehensive Partnership" after the historical mutual visits by Prime Minister Hasina and Prime Minister Abe in 2014.

Cooperation on cultural issues and enhanced people-to-people contact are salient themes of the Comprehensive Partnership. The two Leaders appreciated the importance of promoting cultural harmony, maintaining diversity and richness of different cultures, and of promoting dialogue and mutual learning among cultures with a view to sharing the progress of human civilization. They thus shared the view to deepen cultural and educational ties between the two countries through cultural and educational exchange programmes for promoting greater understanding between the peoples of the two countries.

With the renewed start of JUAAB in a brand new office to be realized in the near future, I trust that JUAAB will continue and better play its pivotal role in connecting students and people from Japan and Bangladesh. I hope JUAAB will strive to become ever more attractive and active as a network resource in the decades to come.

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Shiro Sadoshima
Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh

Message from The President of (JUAAB)



It is my pleasure that "JUAAB News Letter 2015" is going to be published on the auspicious occasion of the 'Annual General Meeting 2015' of Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Bangladesh. "JUAAB News Letter" is the documentation of JUAAB activities, dissemination of knowledge and exchange of information among alumni and other professional bodies.

The present executive Committee of JUAAB have successfully organized all scheduled activities including Japanese language courses, Ikebana demonstration, Orientation Program for MEXT Scholarship awardees, Hiroshima day, Social gathering, Japanese language speech contest and JLPT. in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Dhaka. Last year we successfully organized the fourth Annual Meeting and Japanese Language Speech Contest of South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) in Dhaka. This year also we played an active role in the development of new program of SAFJUAA for 2015-2016. Furthermore, we already have purchased an office space at Shamoly for a permanent JUAAB office as (JUAAB Home) that we hope will enable JUAAB a sustainable organization.

I would like to appreciate the dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and continuous efforts of the JUAAB Alumni and EC members of the JUAAB to make every event a successful one. My special thanks and appreciation to Ms. Ariyoshi Rumi and Masako Saito Head and Deputy Head, respectively, of the public affairs and cultural division of the Embassy of Japan for their continuous efforts to make JUAAB activities on success. My thanks are extended to the editorial board for their painstaking efforts to publish the "JUAAB News Letter 2015".

I wish a brilliant success of this publication.

Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan
President
Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB)



The main objective of JUAAB (Japanese University Alumni Association in Bangladesh) is to build friendship among the Alumni from Japanese universities along with all kinds of people in Bangladesh. News Letter of this organization is making bridge among members and other persons having interest on Japan. Hope this issue will make a relation among all the stakeholders as it reflects our images to make an impact upon them viewing JUAAB's activities.

The Executive committee now leading JUAAB has made the association in good shape to organize all the events offered by Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh and the events of her own. JUAAB is disseminating socio-cultural values of Japan to the heart of the people in Bangladesh. The organization has taken proper initiatives to arrange Japanese language courses and other socio-cultural events for the purposes. It is now a well-known organization to the students, teachers and all other communities of educational and socio-cultural institutes 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 to Japan for study and other purposes. We need to keep the process forward if we desire to send more students to Japan for higher studies. It will help applying Alumni's knowledge and experience at home after coming back.

We welcome all Alumni to be active member of JUAAB for its further advancement.

We wish to express heartiest thanks and gratitude to H. E. Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Japanese embassy officers and staffs, Alumni, our Honourable advisors as well as EC leaders and above all JUAAB office staffs for their cordial cooperation, all along guidance and suggestions to publish this newsletter.

Dr. A K M Shameem Alam
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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. 17,000/-)

Three months short courses (3 times a year) for those willing to learn the basic conversation. (Fees TK. 9,000/-)

Ikebana and Dry Flower making courses:

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

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



I would like to express my indebtedness, heart-felt thanks and sincere appreciation to you all On the occasion of 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB). 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. Perceiving into the history, another year has flown after 13th AGM of JUAAB which was held at Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management (BIAM) Foundation Auditorium, 63 New Eskaton, Dhaka with full energy and vigor to put forward JUAAB activities. Various activities have been done during the passing year and now, I shall try to give a short description of the major activities carried out by the JUAAB team during the last one year.

1) 13th Annual General meeting of JUAAB, 28th March 2014

The 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 7th Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on March 28, 2014 at Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management (BIAM) Foundation Auditorium, 63 New Eskaton, Dhaka at 6:30 PM. A total of 85 (eight five) JUAAB members were present in the meeting. The Ambassador of Japan H.E. Mr. Shiro Sadoshima attended the dinner. The SAFJUAAB souvenir was distributed on that occasion.

2) Certificate giving ceremony on 11th April, 2014, 8th August 2014

A Certificate giving Ceremony of Japanese Language Short Course (number of students 25) was held on 11-04-2014 at JUAAB office. Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan, President of JUAAB and Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, course coordinator of JUAAB Language School were present in event. Subsequently, Certificate giving Ceremony of the long course (number of students 26) was held on 08-08-2014 at JUAAB office, where Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan, President of JUAAB was present.

3) Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA) AGM, 21st June 2014

Bangladesh Ikebana Association's 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 21st June 2014 at WVA Meghna Auditorium at Dhanmondi. Mr. Ryoji Tsuge, Head of the Public Affairs and Cultural section of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest. Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, BIA President, Secretary General and some others members were also present in this occasion.

4) Japanese Visitors Attended at JUAAB Office

Participants from some Japanese Language School visited the JUAAB office several time on the months of March, June and November, 2014. Mr. Hirokazu Shiraki from Hotsuma International School in Japan, Mr. Takao Kamibeppu from Tokyo Jogakkan College and Mr. Satoshi from Waseda University visited the JUAAB office as representative. The General Secretary of JUAAB and course coordinator of JUAAB Japanese Language School was present on the collaboration meeting. A fruitful discussion on development of collaboration was held.

5) Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

Being authorized by the Japan Foundation (through the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh), JUAAB conducted JLPT (Japanese Language

Proficiency Test) in the month of July and December every year. Participants from all Japanese Language School in Bangladesh took part in this test. In 2014, JLPT Exam was held in the month of July and December.

6) Hiroshima and Nagasaki day and JUAAB Iftar party, 8th August 2014

The JUAAB and the Bangladesh JSPS Alumni Association (BJSPSAA) together observed the Hiroshima and Nagasaki day on 8th August at JUAAB office. The JUAAB and JSPS EC members, general members and some invited guests were present in this auspicious program. Video show on Hiroshima-Nagasaki tragedy and some poster on 2nd world war were shown in this program. After that JUAAB and JSPS members and guests were joined in the Iftar party.

7) Seminar with the Japanese Language Teacher on 8th August 2014

A Seminar with the Japanese Language Teacher was held on 8th August 2014 at the JUAAB office. Ms. Mayu Takada delivered lectures on "Japanese Language". The Japanese Language Teacher's in Bangladesh participated in this seminar.

8) Monbukagakusho orientation program on 29th August 2014 and 3rd March 2015

An orientation program for MONBUKAGAKUSHO winners in August was organized jointly by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan, at the Gias Uddin Milky Auditorium at Khamar Bari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 on Friday 29th August 2014. One hundred and eighty one students obtained scholarship in this session to pursue higher studies at different universities in Japan and almost all the students were present in this orientation program. Dr. Md. Mahbul Haque recently returned graduate Japan gave speech on "Life style in Japan" and Kazi Farhana Rahim presented Visa application procedures. The visa application form was distributed among the awardees and some awardees had registered themselves for short courses JUAAB Japanese Language School. Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi, Head of Public Affairs and Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was present as the Guest of Honor in this program. Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique, Honorable Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka, was present as the Chief Guest. Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam, General Secretary (Acting) of JUAAB facilitated the orientation program. In addition to that, another orientation program was arranged by the Embassy on 3rd March 2015 at Embassy presented for the Embassy recommended 9 MONBUKAGAKUSHO winners. Dr. Kaoser Afsana gave a speech on "Life and Study in Japan".

9) Education seminar at the University of Dhaka on 22nd November 2014 and Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology on 23rd November 2014

The Embassy of Japan arranged Education Seminar in collaboration with JASSO and JUAAB at the University of Dhaka (DU) and Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) Auditoriums. About 400 student were present in the two education seminars. Dr. Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman, member of JUAAB made a power point presentation on "Study in Japan as a foreign student" at DU. Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi, Public Affairs and Culture, section Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was the Master of Ceremony in DU seminar and Mr. Ryoji Tsuge Public Affairs and Culture section, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was the master of ceremony in CUET seminar

10) JASSO delegates visited JUAAB office on 11th November 2014

The JASSO delegates Ms. Okada and Mr. Shimizu visited JUAAB office on 11th November 2014. Prof. Dr. Nazma Shaheen, Senior Vice President of JUAAB; Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam, General Secretary (Acting) of JUAAB, several EC members of JUAAB were present in this event. A fruitful discussion was held on current situation of Bangladeshi students studying abroad and further development of collaboration.

11) 5th Social gathering on 19th December 2014

The JUAAB social gathering along with the recently returned graduates from Japanese Universities was held at the Thai-Chi Restaurant, 117/A Old Airport Road (near Bijoy Saroni) on 19th December 2014 (Friday) with the collaboration of Japan Embassy in Bangladesh. Mr. Matsunaga Takeshi, Minister, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest in this auspicious program. Two scientific presentations were arranged by the recently returned graduates (Dr. Mohammad Shahjahan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, University of Dhaka and Dr. Md. Mahfuz Alam SSO, Plant Pathology Division, BARI, Joydebpur, Gazipur) from Japan. More than one hundred and twenty (120) JUAAB members, recently returned graduates and others guest were present in this social gathering.

12) The National Speech Contest in Japanese Language on 6th February 2015

The National Speech Contest was held on 6th February 2015 (Friday) at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Japan Embassy's Cultural Section. For speech contest, we received a total of 28 (twenty eight) applications. A screening program was arranged on 26th January 2015 at the JUAAB office by Prof. Dr. MAM Yahia Khandoker and Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain. Out of 28 applicants, a total of 13 applicants were present on that date, and after proper judgment, finally 10 contestants were selected for National speech contest. Earlier, the 6th February 2014 morning, the speech contest was held at the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh. Out of 10 contestants, the Embassy selected only two contestants for SAFJUAA speech contest held in Delhi, they were Mashiur Rahman for Senior Group and Mohammad Saiduzzaman for Junior Group. The 5th SAFJUAA speech contest was held in Delhi, India on 14th March 2015. President of JUAAB, Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan attended on that occasion as a representative of Bangladesh.

13) 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese Language and SAFJUAA meeting on 21st March 2014

The 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese Language, organized by the Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) and the Japan Foundation in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, was held on 21st March 2014 (Friday) at 9:00 AM to 12.40 PM at the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), CICC Auditorium, Chameli House, 17, Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid MP, Honorable Education Minister, Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh were present as the Chief Guest and Special guest, respectively. Delegates from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan were present in the occasion.

14) JUAAB permanent Office space

JUAAB already booked/ bought the permanent office space in Shyamoli, Dhaka from the Shamsul Alamin Real Estate Ltd named is Alamin Apon Heights, Plot No. 27/1/B, Shyamoli, Dhaka, office space. The details of the project are: Type: D-6, Face: South, Size: 1138 sft, 6th Floor. JUAAB already paid 61,00,000 lacs taka out of 73,00,000 lacs.

15) Executive Committee (EC) meeting held

The JUAAB EC always tried its 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 to several special EC meetings. Thus, a total of 8 (eight) EC meetings were conducted during the last one year.

16) Finance status

The 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

comparative lesser budget came from the Embassy during the last year, we have been able to raise funds and deposited an extra amount of Tk. 26 lacs within this one year. Thus, the JUAAB has the total FDR amounting Tk. 30 lac now. Besides this, we have a running balance of Tk. 27,01,101 (Twenty seven lac one thousand one hundred and one only) in JUAAB bank account. This graceful saving was made possible mostly by raising funds from outer sources and by practicing cost analysis in expenditure as well.

17) Publication of JUAAB News

This year we did not get any financial support from the Embassy to publish JUAAB News. So, JUAAB's News was published this year from our own fund.

I am thankful to our honorable advisors for their valuable suggestions and cooperation. Thanks and gratitude to all the EC members of JUAAB. Thanks are also extended to our office staffs for their restless effort and of course thanks to the Embassy of Japan for their continuous support and cooperation in every aspect of JUAAB activities. Thank you all the honorable members of JUAAB.

(Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam)
General Secretary (Acting), JUAAB

JUAAB Executive Committee 'April 2013 - March 2015'

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Treasurer's Report



Prof. Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Period : 1st March 2014 to 28th February 2015

Opening balance				
Cash at Office Account				72,197
Cash at bank				1,386,153
FDR statement				7,000,000
Current A/C against FDR				683
Security Deposit for house rent				180,000
Total				8,639,033
Receipts		Taka	Payments	Taka
Courses fees:		3,868,200	Course expenses:	1,026,630
a) Japanese Language course	3,066,800		a) Teacher remuneration	600,000
b) Ikebana course	42,000		b) JLPT & Teaching materials exp.	426,630
c) JLPT conduct	759,400			
Japan Embassy Contribution		1,404,240	Staff salary	425,500
a) Office Maintenance, Staff salary & allowances	886,000		Office rent	569,350
b) Ikebana Contest, AGM & MEXT Orientation & Mext Lan. Course	518,240		Photocopy, postage and courier	38,868
Other contribution		291,922	Telecommunication (Internet, TNT and Cable line bill)	53,262
a) BIA Service Charge (Apr,14-Mar,15)	12,000		Utility expenses (electricity, Water, gas & service charge)	121,133
b) Mr. Dipon AR Travels for SAFJUAA	10,000		Honorarium (For speakers in different events and seminar)	31,000
c) Natural Bio Science, JUAAB Directory	5,000		Materials purchase & Maintenance	26,370
d) Advance Bio Science, SAFJUAA Souvenir	30,000		Office Maintenance (Daily Petty expenses, Conveyance bill, Refreshment and Others)	56,252
e) Thakurgaon Sugramils, SAFJUAA	14,922			
f) Janata Bank, SAFJUAA Souvenir	200,000		Seminar and cultural events (Ikebana, AGM, Social Gathering, SAFJUAA Printing & Publication (Souvenir News, Invitation card & Folder)	1,293,488
g) JBCCI, Ikebana Contribution	20,000		Bank charges	4,800
Membership fees		48,100	Audit fees	11,500
a) Life members	39,000		Refund of JLPT & Course fees	30,000
b) General members	9,100			
FDR interest		807,411		
Income from seminar and cultural events (Registration fees-Social gathering)		18,000		
Bank Interest		2,000		
		6,439,873		3,759,403
Excess of Income Over Expenditure (Receipts - Payments):				2,680,470
Present Financial Condition: (Opening balance + Excess Income Over Expenditure)				1,13,19,503
Closing balance:				
Cash at office account				338119
Cash at bank				2701101
Current A/C against FDR				283
Inst. for Purchase of Office space of JUAAB				5,100,000
Security Deposit for house rent				180,000
New Investment in FDR				3,000,000
Total				1,13,19,503