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Message from the Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh



*Embassy of Japan
in Bangladesh*

The bond of friendship between Bangladesh and Japan is inherent in various emblems, such as in the patterns of our national flags, or in the names of our most beloved flowers –Shapla and Sakura– which beget our natural intimacy beyond any reason or explanation. On the deeper plane, we are the common heirs of the profound cultural exchange left by Rabindranath Tagore and Tenshin Okakura which connects people to people by their hearts, and creates unique soft spots that we find in each other so commonly today.

Bangladesh-Japan Comprehensive Partnership, which was launched in 2014 through mutual visits of our Prime Ministers, has released fresh energy for cultivating our tested friendship in a broader spectrum, with a special emphasis on strengthening economic cooperation under the banner of “BIG-B”–the Bay of Bengal Industrial Growth Belt. In order to materialize the Partnership, the Government of Japan extended the 36th Japanese Yen Loan Package in December 2015 covering six projects (FDI, Dhaka-Chittagong power grid; urban building safety; bridges improvement, maternal, neonatal and child health; and local governance) with the total amount of 133,265 million yen, equivalent to 1.111 billion USD, which is the largest loan package ever extended to Bangladesh from Japan. Thus, the Government of Japan is trying its best and we will continue to walk along with Bangladesh on its long journey of peaks and troughs to help Bangladesh in moving one step closer to the Golden Bengal, which has been embraced so dearly by the Mohakobi with his overflowing filial love for his motherland.

On JUAAB side, 15 years have passed since its establishment and I believe JUAAB is maturing thanks to the efforts made by each one of you at the grassroots level by spreading the friendship, skills and knowledge brought back from Japan. I welcome JUAAB’s effort in making it a self-sustaining body. I sincerely request each member’s further support to making JUAAB ever more lively society.

Masato Watanabe
Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh

Message from the President of JUAAB



Four divine revelations, *Psalms* to David, *Torah* to Moses, *Gospel* to Jesus and *Quran* to Hazrat Mohammad (S) were revealed for the mankind in 4 local languages, viz., Ibrani, Eunani, Suriani and Arabic, respectively. Through such revelations, the Almighty has also given a message to understand, not only own mother-tongue and culture, but also those of other nations. Learning others' languages and cultures develop mutual love and respect, promote bilateral values and heritage and strengthen the bondage of friendship and cohesion, which are very important to bring change towards a unified world order for peaceful living of the incoming generations. One of the major tasks of JUAAB, as mandated, is the promotion of Japanese language and culture in Bangladesh. JUAAB has been very successfully running a "Japanese Language School" since her inception. The fruits of such novel endeavors comes up as the results of last JLPT, where most of the successful candidates were from the JUAAB school. Praise-worthily, JUAAB school students occupied most of the top positions during the last National Japanese Language Speech Contest held in February 2016, two of the top scorers will be attending SAFJUAAB Speech Contest to be held in Nepal in May 2016. The outstanding achievements encourage more new learners to get enrolled into our language courses. On the other hand, with such fresh refueling, JUAAB has become more trust-worthy and vibrant in recent days, in conducting promotional programs and bonding relations with the embassy up above a new altitude, in order to carry forward the tasks of promoting Japanese culture and heritage in the country. JUAAB is ardent to create a friendly working atmosphere, based on mutual respect and love to each other. We are always grateful to the embassy for having with us in our modest journey and for huge functional supports to make JUAAB a self-reliant organization.

JUAAB sets her vision to see an enlightened nation through promotion of knowledge and science, understanding and fusion of cultural waves and mutual appreciation of social values and heritage. The alumni are doing very well, both in the country and abroad. JUAAB really enjoys the space waves that come to the earth from 13 billion light years far away, as it was created due to merging of two fighting black holes. In this august occasion of AGM of scholars. I appreciate the great works of two fellow countrymen, Diponkar Talukder and Salim Sahriar and hope to see many Shahriar and Diponkar among our alumni.

I would like to thank the kind efforts of the EC and the alumni to make the AGM a grand success. I welcome our Chief Guest, H.E. Mr. Takeshi Matsunaga, Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, to kindly attend the AGM.

Professor Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam
President, JUAAB



On the occasion of 15th 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 14th AGM of JUAAB which was held at 'Four Seasons Restaurant', Hoes-59A, Road-27(old) 16(New), Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka 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) 14th Annual General meeting of JUAAB

The 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 7th Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on March 27, 2015 at 'Four Seasons Restaurant', Hoes-59A, Road-27(old) 16(New), Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka at 6:30 PM. A total of 85 (eight five) JUAAB members and personal from Japan Embassy were present in the meeting. Mr. Takeshi Matsunaga, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh attended the Annual dinner as Chief Guest.

(2) Charge Hand over to 8th Executive Committee

As per the constitution, Election for 8th Executive Committee was held on March 27, 2015. Charge was handed over to the newly elected Executive Committee in the presence of JUAAB Members and Japan Embassy personel at the end of business session of 14th AGM. Newly elected President praised the previous committee for their generous and effective effort to bring the JUAAB forward in the path of it's sustainable position and at the same time past president wishes present committee.

(3) 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. Till January, 2016, 6 long courses of level 5 and 6 short courses were running per year. To fulfill the demand of students new course of Level-4 has started from February, 2016. For accommodation of increase number 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 in the JLPT Exam the students of JUAAB Japanese Language school passing more in compare to the students of other Japanese Language school in Bangladesh.

(4) Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

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

Language School in Bangladesh take part in this test. JLPT Exam-2015 was held on 6th December.

(5) Visitors Attended at JUAAB Office

Representative from some Japanese Language Schools of Japan visited JUAAB office in the month of March, June, 2015 and February, 2016. Among them are Mr. Tomohiro Uchita, representative from Human Academy Japanese Language School in Japan, Mr. Osamu Uchida Representative of Toei Institute of Japanese Language School, Japan and Mr. Satoshi Representative from FSG College League Japan. General Secretary of JUAAB and course coordinator of JUAAB 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 procedures in Japanese Language teaching such as cyllabus, teaching tools, listening materials, in course examinations process so, they showed interest to accept students from JUAAB School. Initiative has been taken to develop a MOU between JUAAB and Japanese institutions through the Embassy of Japan.

(6) Seminar with the Japanese Language Teachers

A Seminar was held on improvement of Japanese Language Teaching proficiency on 15th January, 2016 at JUAAB office. All Japanese Language Teachers working in Japanese Language School in Bangladesh participated. A key note was presented on "Japanese Language" by the JICA JOCV Volunteer teacher Ms. Fumi Ebisawa. Ms. Masako Saito, Deputy Head of the Public affairs & Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan was also present in the seminar.



(7) AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA)

The 6th AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association was held on 6 June 2015 at Meghna Auditorium of Women's Volunteer Association (WVA), Dhanmondi. Ms. Masako Saito, Deputy Head of the Public affairs & Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan was present as the Chief Guest in the occasion. Life Patron of BIA, Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, BIA President, Secretary General and some other members of JUAAB and guests were present in the occasion.

(8) Monbukagakusho orientation program

An orientation program for MONBUKAGAKUSHO awardees through direct communication to professors of different university of Japan was held on 22nd August 2015. This program was organized jointly by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan, at the BARC (Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council) Auditorium, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215. Professor Dr. Ishtiaq Mahmud, Honorable Advisor, JUAAB Advisory Council, was present as the Chief Guest and Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi, Head, Public Affairs & Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was present as the Guest of Honor, some others JUAAB EC and General Members was also present in this auspicious program.

Hundred and fifty six students obtained scholarship in October 2015 session to pursue higher studies at different universities of Japan and all awardees were present in this orientation program. Dr. Nafees Ahmed, Recently graduated from Japan gave a speech on "Life style in Japan" and Dr. Farhana Rahman Babli, Education Adviser discussed on Visa application procedures and visa application form were distributed among the students.

In addition to that, another orientation program was arranged by Japan Embassy on March 07, 2016 at Japan Embassy for the Embassy recommended 9 MONBUKAGAKUSHO awardees.

(9) Welcome lunch and Dinner and Experience sharing program

A Welcome lunch party was held in Ambassador's residence on May 28, 2015 in the honour of graduates who returned September 2014. All members of executive committee of JUAAB also were invited. At the same day, an experience sharing program held by the collaboration of JUAAB and Japan Study Centre of DU in the RC Mozumder Auditorium under the supervision of Japan Embassy.

Same way, a Welcome dinner party was held in Ambassador's residence on October, 14 2016 in the honour of graduates, who returned March 2015. All members of executive committee of JUAAB also were invited.



(10) The 7th National Speech Contest in Japanese Language

As per announcement 7th National speech contest in Japanese Language were conducted. A preliminary contest for short-listing of candidates was held on 29th January, 2016 at JUAAB office under the supervision of President Prof. Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam, and General Secretary Professor Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam. Some EC and General members of JUAAB were present on that program. Out of 29 applicants, 11 contestants were selected for final speech contest. Ms. Masako Saito, from Japan Embassy and Japanese Language Experts Mrs. Kazuko Bhuiyan and Mrs. Eiko Hussain, acted as the judges for preliminary speech contest.

Final National speech contest was held on 6th February, 2016 at 'NASCENT GARDENIA' Baridhara, Dhaka. On that contest, Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi, Head of Public Affairs and Cultural Section of Japan Embassy, Mr. Naoto Yamada, President of Japanese Association and Mr. Kei Kawano, Country representative of JETRO acted as a judges. Ms. Farhana Hasib, Ms. Farjana Hasib and Mr. Habib Ullah awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in the contest. As per rules top two contestants Ms. Farhana Hasib and Ms. Farjana Hasib were elected to participate in the upcoming SAFJUA speech contest to be held in Nepal. Crest and certificate was given to First, Second and Third position and certificate of participation was given to all others participants.

(11) JUAAB permanent Office space

JUAAB already booked a suitable permanent office space from Shamsul Alamin Real Estate Ltd. The space is located in, Alamin Apon Heights, Plot No. 27/1/B, Shyamoli, Dhaka. Till this months JUAAB already paid 64 lac Taka out of total amount 73 lac. We are expecting to receive the space by May, 2016.

(12) Publication of JUAAB News

Like previous years JUAAB have published a News Letter covering the all JUAAB activities and informations of the financial year 2015-2016.

(13) 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 and deposited an extra amount of Taka 39,59,722 within this one year. This graceful saving was possible to made mostly by raising funds from different sources like Language school, JLPT Exam, etc.

(14) 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 8 (Eight) 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.

Professor Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam
General Secretary, JUAAB

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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. 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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Period: 1st March 2015 to 29th February 2016

Opening balance		Taka	
a)	Cash at Office Account		3,38119
b)	Cash at Bank		27,01101
c)	FDR statement		30,00000
d)	Installment for Purchase of Office space of JUAAB		51,00000
e)	Security Deposit for house rent		1,80000
Total			1,13,19220
Receipts		Taka	Payments
1. Courses fees		61,89900	1. Course expenses
a)	Japanese Language	50,87700	a) Teacher remuneration
b)	Ikebana	26000	b) JLPT and Teaching materials
c)	JLPT conduct	10,76200	
2. Japan Embassy Contribution		13,06726	2. Farewell and reception
a)	Office Rent and Staff salary	9,91200	
b)	Ikebana Contest, AGM & MEXT Orientation & Mext Lan. Course	3,15526	3. Staff salary
3. Other contribution		23200	4. Office rent
a)	BIA Service Charge (Apr,15-Mar,16)	12000	5. Photocopy, postage and courier
b)	Sale of Nomination papers	3600	
c)	AGM Guest Registration fees	7600	6. Telecommunication (Internet, T&T and Cable line bill)
4. Membership fees		31900	7. Utility expenses (Electricity, water, gas & service charge)
a)	Life members	22500	
b)	General members	9400	8. Honorarium (Speakers in different events and seminar)
5. Sale of old IPS battery and computer monitor		1400	9. Materials purchase & Maintenance (Bench, chair, printer cartridge, router, computer servicing)
6. Interest from FDR		381686	10. Office Maintenance (Daily petty expenses, conveyance bill, refreshment)
Total		79,34812	11. Seminar and cultural events (AGM, Ikebana, Speech contest)
			12. Printing & Publication (Souvenir, News, Invitation card and Folder)
			13. Bank charges
			14. Audit Expenses
			15. Refund of Course fees
			16. Installment of JUAAB Appartment
			Total
			39,21274
Excess of Income Over Expenditure: (Receipts - Payments)			40,13538
Present Financial Condition: (Opening balance + Excess Income Over Expenditure)			1,53,32758
Closing balance		Taka	
a)	Cash at office account		4,89496
b)	Cash at Bank		62,63162
c)	JUAAB Appartment		54,00100
d)	Security Deposit for house rent		1,80000
e)	Investment in FDR		30,00000
Total			1,53,32758

JUAAB MEMBERSHIP

Citizens of Bangladesh having at least one academic degree (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate or equivalent) from a Japanese university shall be eligible for membership.

Subscription:

1. Life member Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand) only
 2. General member Taka 700 (Seven Hundred) only
- Application fee of Taka 200 (Two Hundred) only and annual membership fee of Taka 500.(Five Hundred) only.