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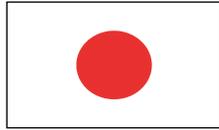
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Ambassador Ito Naoki's Message for JUAAB AGM Newsletter on March 31st



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Message

Ambassador of Japan

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the JUAAB for their invaluable effort and support to promote interactions and exchanges between Japan and Bangladesh since its establishment 21 years ago. The JUAAB's steadfast commitment and knowledge have helped us deepen our cooperation in education, arts, and cultural exchanges and establish more excellent people-to-people contact.

The JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan have always worked together to organize flag-ship events such as the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) twice a year, the Japanese Speech Contest, and the promotion of "Study in Japan." I am pleased to share that 120 Bangladeshi students were awarded a government-funded MEXT scholarship in 2021, and there were 3,445 exam takers for the JLPT exam in last December. The JUAAB's outreach has encouraged many young people to grow deep interest in Japan and its language, culture, and society.

I am delighted to mention that this year is the 50th anniversary of establishing the diplomatic relationship between Japan and Bangladesh. We would like to make this milestone year a start of the new era of the Japan - Bangladesh bilateral relationship. To this end, Japan will make utmost efforts to deepen further the multi-faceted relations, mutual understanding, and exchange of the two peoples throughout the year. Japan is proud to stand by Bangladesh as a true friend. I call upon all members of the JUAAB to continue their unstinting contribution to enhancing academic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Bangladesh and bring our two peoples even closer. Let's join hands in further fostering our friendship and win-win partnership, looking towards the next 50 years.

ITO Naoki

Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh



Message from the President of JUAAB

During the end of Mujib Year, in the month of independence, and on the 50th anniversary of Japan-Bangladesh diplomatic relation JUAAB is organizing the 21th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 31st March, 2022. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, for the last two years 19th and 20th AGM of JUAAB were held virtually. Moreover, due to COVID-19 pandemic, last two years JUAAB's activities were limited seriously like others. We are very happy that COVID-19 pandemic is almost under control in Bangladesh and we are gradually starting our normal activities. We hope COVID-19 pandemic will subside completely throughout the globe soon. AGM followed by cultural event and annual dinner is the most awaited event for the JUAAB members and I am expecting the great success of this year's AGM and other events.

JUAAB's objective was being conscious of the need for improving the bonds of friendship and amity between the people of Japan and Bangladesh on exchange of academic knowledge, socio-cultural understanding and mutual appreciation of our age-old heritage. Though the journey was not smooth but after 22 years, JUAAB has achieved an esteemed position, in not only strengthening bond and friendship between Japan and Bangladesh, but also in achieving self-sustenance. JUAAB started with a few members but at present, the number of members has risen to around 950. Presently, JUAAB has entered into a new era of development in every sphere of its working arenas by coupling the strength and expertise of JUAAB team and exploring available resources. By practicing democratic principles and norms, JUAAB has become the symbol of unity and strength that ultimately triggers these developments in a productive fashion.

JUAAB's Japanese language school has been running with pride and dignity, by producing qualified students, who perform well in JLPT, Japanese speech contest, VISA grasping and admission in Japanese university and Nihongo Gakko. Japanese language learning in the country has got a new impetus, because of the mentorship and support of the Japan Ambassador to Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO. Through his generous guidance, even during the pandemic situation, last two Japanese Speech Contests have created lots of interest and enthusiasm among the contestants, while different Japanese companies co-sponsored the programs. The Japanese Speech contest is now very popular in Bangladesh and the quality of the contestants is improving year by year.

JUAAB is more vibrant now than ever before because JUAAB office has been shifting to its own office premise, a 4,000 square feet commercial space by DOM-INNO at 28, Indira Road, Farmgate, Dhaka. We have another 1138 square feet residential space named "Alami Apon Heights", Plot no. 27/1/B, Road-3, Shyamoli, Dhaka. JUAAB got registration from Social Welfare department and received the TIN certificate from National Board of Revenue (NBR). In the journey of JUAAB standing on own feet, one step and then another- to a strong footage now, the support of JUAAB members, the Embassy of Japan, Japan Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan are remarkably significant and JUAAB sincerely appreciates all those support. JUAAB is also dreaming to renovate and equip our permanent space with all modern facilities as "Japan Cultural Centre of JUAAB".

JUAAB expects continued support from all corners, the alumni, the Japan Embassy and Japan Foundation, to complete its mission of establishing JUAAB as a self-sufficient organization.

Thanking you all for your previous, on-going and future support.

Professor Dr. M A M Yahia Khandoker
President, JUAAB
March 31, 2022



General Secretary's Report



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Dear Alumni of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh

Welcome to you ALL.

Last year AGM was held online due to Covid-19 pandemic. This year we have decided to organize the AGM physically as Covid-19 situation has improved considerably. After the last AGM, we had to limit our activities due to lockdown and other Covid-19 related restrictions. However we continued our activities necessary for the running limited activities of JUAAB.

I would like to express my gratitude to the JUAAB Executive Committee, Advisory Council members, Office Bearers and all the members of JUAAB for extending their cooperation during this difficult period.

20th AGM of JUAAB was held virtually through zoom on March 27, 2021. I would like to summarize our activities after the last AGM in the following points.

(A) General Information of JUAAB

1) **JUAAB Members:** One of the important goals of JUAAB activities is to increase the number of life members. So we always communicate with the newly graduates from Japan and encouraged them to become life members of JUAAB. Last year 49 life members were added and now total members of JUAAB stood at 935.

2) **Financial and wealth status and liabilities of JUAAB:** I am taking the opportunity to give you all a brief financial and wealth status and liabilities of JUAAB at a glance. A more detail presentation of financial report will be given by JUAAB Treasurer.

JUAAB assets:

JUAAB running balance: 29,22,659/- Taka in Bank account. (Agrani +DBBL)

Samoli Apartment = 73,00,000/- Taka;

Indira Road Apartment= 4,00,00000/- Taka

JUAAB liabilities:

At present we do not have any liabilities as we have repaid all the loans of Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, Chairman of JUAAB Advisory Council.

(B) JUAAB Activities

1) **20th Annual General Meeting of JUAAB:** The 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 11th Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on 27th March, 2021 virtually at 4.30 PM. Total of 87 (Eighty Seven) JUAAB members and guests were joined virtually in the meeting.



(2) 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 needed to be conducted. A total of 9 EC meetings were conducted virtually through zoom for smooth conduction of JUAAB activities last one year. One special meeting was held with Honorable Ambassador of Japan. The initiative of the meeting was taken by Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain. In the meeting we discussed about various aspects of JUAAB activities especially need for Japanese grant for “Japanese cultural center of JUAAB” in our office premises.

(3) Memorandum with Department of Japanese Studies, DU:

The Department of Japanese Studies of Dhaka University wanted to discuss how to cooperation with JUAAB for teaching Japanese language and promoting Japanese culture with JUAAB among Bangladeshi people. In this regard it was decided that a memorandum will be signed with JUAAB and Department of Japanese Studies of Dhaka University highlighting the area of cooperation between these two organizations.

(4) Condolence meeting of Professor Dr. Aminul Islam and Professor Dr. Md. Azharul Hoque:

A condolence meeting was organized for the two deceased life members of JUAAB, late Professor Dr. Aminul Islam and Professor Dr. Md. Azharul Hoque through zoom on 5th August, 2021. Professor Aminul Islam died on 31st July 2021 and Dr. Azhar died on 4th August 2022.

A large number of JUAAB members participated in the meeting. A rich tribute was paid for Professor Dr. Aminul Islam’s enormous contribution for JUAAB and other area of his activities.

(5) Repay of Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain’s loan:

It is a great pleasure for JUAAB that we have been able to repay the loan, Taka 10 million (1crore), with interest of Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain this year. We are extremely grateful to him for his generous contribution when we needed most.

(C) Activities related to Japanese language

(1) JUAAB Japanese Language School:

As a leading Japanese language school, JUAAB Japanese language school is doing its best to keep up the standard that it has set over the years. In last year’s report we have given the detail course outline that we have introduced in our school. We have continued those courses giving more emphasis on N-3 or higher level language courses. Due to pandemic restriction, some time we had to switch from physical classes to online class for all of our regular courses. But we did not stop teaching Japanese language even in this difficult period. From March 2021 to February 2022, 08 long courses, 05 online course and 01 short courses of JLPT level-5 and 02 six months course of JLPT level- 4 was completed successfully. Audience will be happy to know that last year total 270 students were enrolled in JUAAB language school.

(2) Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT):

Under the authority of Japan Foundation, through the direct supervision of Japan Embassy in Bangladesh, JUAAB conducting Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) in the month of July and December every year. Students from all Japanese Language School in Bangladesh take part in this test. JLPT Exam-2021 was held on 05 December. As July examination was canceled, only one JLPT exam was held in 2021. The number of participants for 2021 December JLPT was 3444. JUAAB life Members of different institutions act as the Proctors and Assistant Proctors to conduct the JLPT.

We are extremely grateful to all the life members of JUAAB who had done their duty as proctor and assistant proctor during this time of pandemic. Without your help it might be impossible to conduct the JLPT examination physically. Thank you very much.

13th National Speech Contest



Welcome Back Dinner Party at Ambassador Residence



(3) The 13th National Speech Contest in Japanese Language: The 13th Japanese speech contest in Japanese Language was held on 26 February, 2022 at 'NASCENT GARDENIA' Baridhara, Dhaka. A preliminary contest for short-listing of candidates was held at JUAAB office on 12 February. Total ten contestants were selected, 5 each from advance and beginners category for the final speech contest. Mr. Hiroyuki Yamaya from embassy of Japan, Mrs. Eiko Hussain and Mrs. Tamie Rahman were present as Judge in the preliminary round. Ken Komine san from embassy of Japan joined virtually to observe the contest. We are extremely grateful to them from their presence during this Covid-19 pandemic situation.

During final contest H.E. ITO NAOKI Ambassador of Japan was present. Mr. Koshita Masahiko, President of Japanese School Dhaka, Ms. Yasui Hiromi, Managing Director of Saito Nenshi Bangladesh Ltd., Mr. Kano Tetsuro, Chief Representative/ General Manager ITOCHU Corporation Dhaka Liaison office and Mr. Kawai Hikari, General Manager, Marubeni Corporation, Dhaka office were present in the program as the judges. Ten Japanese Companies, JCIAD, KCSL, SAITO, Nagasaki Japanese Restaurant, NIPPON KOEI, Mizuoh, Sumitomo Corporation Asia & Oceania, ITOCHU, Sojit, Mitsubishi Corporation and YKK cosponsored this program.

Mst. Arifa Iasmin from Beginners category stood 1st. Sanzida Hossain and Md. Raju Ahmed stood 2nd and 3rd respectively from beginner category. Mikasa Sanzana stood 1st from advanced category. Md Shamim and Maumita Lal Ahmed stood 2nd and 3rd respectively from advanced category. Japan Embassy's Certificate, Japanese company's gift and educational tools was given to First, Second and Third position holders and all participants received the certificate.

(D) Activities with Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA)

JUAAB President attended in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BIA on 10 December 2021 at Karim Tower, Panthapath, Dhaka. HE Ito Naoki Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest in this program.

(E) Activities with Japan Embassy in Bangladesh

JUAAB President attended in the birthday celebration program of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan on 23rd February 2022 at Japanese Ambassador HE Ito Naoki's residence. Honorable Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni was the Chief Guest in this program

Professor Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Khan

General Secretary

Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB)

OBITUARY

JUAAB expresses heart-felt condolence on the sudden demise of its Veteran Member Prof. Dr. Aminul Islam 31 July 2021. We pray for eternal peace of the departed soul. Prof. Dr. Aminul Islam got Agricultural Degrees from Japan. He was former Adviser & President of JUAAB.



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JUAAB expresses heart-felt condolence on the sudden demise of its Veteran Member Prof. Dr. Md. Azharul Hoque on 04 Aug 2021. We pray for eternal peace of the departed soul. Prof. Dr. Md. Azharul Hoque got Agricultural Degrees from Japan. He was Life Member of JUAAB.



JUAAB COURSES

Japanese Language Courses: (Online & Offline)

Six-months long course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-5, N-4 & N-3) and also to continue higher level courses and higher studies in Japan

Classes: 3 days a week, Fees TK. 20,000/

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



Editorial



It is our immense pleasure and great satisfaction to announce that we the members of the Research and Publication Committee have the opportunity to contribute to publish the “Newsletter 2021”. It is a great opportunity for me to write this editorial note as we are celebrating the 21st Anniversary of JUAAB and 50th anniversary of independence. It is worthy to mention that Japan recognized Bangladesh as a sovereign nation state on 10th February 1972. This year marks the 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two trusted friendly nations. All over the world humankind has been suffering from Covid-19 pandemic since January 2019. More than 6.1 million people had died in six continents so far. In the previous years, due to the pandemic, we had to scale down many important programmes of JUAAB. This year, Government has removed restrictions on small scale public gathering. Therefore, we will try our best to continue some of our 21st anniversary celebration programs on 31st March 2022 following health rules.

We all know that JUAAB was launched on 29th September, 2000 with the direct help of the Japanese Embassy in Dhaka. The main objectives of this organization are to build friendship and strong network among the Bangladeshi nationals who earned their academic degrees from Japanese Universities. Besides, JUAAB is continuously organizing various programmes to promote and familiarize Japanese culture, education, social and moral values in our society. It has made remarkable progress over the past 21 years. We are the biggest non-political organizations with highly educated about 950 life members. Now, we have our own modern 4000 sqft office space, international standard Japanese language School, a small but vibrant management team along with elected Executive Committee and Advisory Council. We are regularly organizing Ikebana, SAFJUA, education seminars on Japanese education system, Japanese cultural programmes, conducting JLPT examinations, orientation for MEXT scholars, reception for returnee graduates, donation for natural calamity affected people in home and abroad, Hiroshima- Nagasaki day observation, etc.

The current executive committee is trying its best to make JUAAB a unique organization in Bangladesh. In the last one year, though we were in Pandemic situation but we have successfully conducted many regular programs virtually. We believe through your active participation, JUAAB will flourish more and more in coming days. As like as before, we are requesting all of our new returnee potential graduates to become members of JUAAB and to help it grow with new ideas and activities.

We have tried to bring you more updates and write ups in the present issue. I hope you will enjoy the reading, and we are looking forward to receiving your critical analysis, suggestions, feedbacks and future contributions. We wish to express our heartiest gratitude to H.E. Mr. Ito Naoki, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Japanese Embassy Officials, Alumni, Honorable Advisors, EC members, JUAAB office staffs, JUAAB Japanese school teachers and press personnel for their cordial cooperation and guidance to publish this Newsletter within a very short time. May Almighty save us all from this pandemic.

Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman
Research and Publication Secretary, JUAAB
and
Professor, Dept. of Physics, University of Dhaka



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 10,000 (Ten Thousand) only
2. General member Taka 1000 (One Thousand) only and annual membership fee of Taka 1000. (One Thousand) only

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