

National Day of Bangladesh

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Celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of Independence



Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP
Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

Today is 26th March, the Great Independence and National Day. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my sincere greetings and congratulations to all Bangladeshis living in the country and abroad.

On this historic day, I remember with deep respect the greatest Bangali of all time, the great architect of our independence, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, under whose visionary leadership the Bangali nation broke the shackles of subjugation and achieved independent sovereign Bangladesh. I respectfully remember the three million martyrs, two hundred thousand mothers and sisters and all the freedom fighters of our Liberation war — who made supreme sacrifice for the motherland. I also pay tribute to the members of the diplomatic corps who played an active role in gaining support and assistance of the international community for Bangladesh during

and after the Liberation war.

Bangabandhu was the undisputed great leader of the Bengali nation. He led us to achieve freedom through a long struggle. The seeds of development were planted in this country by the hands of Bangabandhu. He took the leadership of war-torn Bangladesh and completed the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country in just three and a half years. But the Enemies of the country killed him and thwarted the progress of the country. Although the progress of the country was temporarily disrupted due to the plot of the conspirators, the country is now moving forward at an unstoppable speed under the leadership of Bangabandhu's able daughter, Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Today, Bangladesh is recognized as a 'Role Model for Development' in the world. I wish active participation and all-out cooperation of expatriate Bangladeshis in the on going progress of building a developed, prosperous 'Smart Bangladesh' in the light of the 'Vision 2041' given by Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina.

I extend my greetings to the officials and employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh missions abroad who are working for the country's interests and shining the image of Bangladesh in the international arena. Being imbued with the spirit of the Liberation War, we all will work together from our respective positions to realize Bangabandhu's dream of 'Sonar Bangla' — let's this be our pledge today.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu. May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP



ASO Taro
President of the Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship League

On the occasion of the Independence and National Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the Government and the people of Bangladesh on behalf of the Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship League.

I am pleased to see that since Japan and Bangladesh elevated the bilateral relationship to a "Strategic Partnership" last April, bilateral cooperation has deepened in all aspects, including the launching of the negotiations for Japan-Bangladesh Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

The Parliamentary Friendship League will continue to contribute to the strengthening of the relationship with Bangladesh as a strategic partner.

I would like to conclude my message by wishing further prosperity of the people of Bangladesh.

ASO Taro



Shahabuddin Ahmed
Ambassador of Bangladesh

On this auspicious day, I extend warm greetings to you all. Today, I remember with profound respect our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. I also recall the contribution and supreme sacrifices of our four national leaders, valiant martyrs and freedom fighters, and support of our foreign friends.

I convey my deep reverence to Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan. I also extend warm greetings to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, his government and the people of Japan.

The Father of the Nation's historic visit to Japan in 1973 laid the solid foundation for steadfast and lasting relations between the two countries. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina followed her father's legacy and further strengthened the bilateral rela-

tionship. During her official visit to Japan in April last year, nine agreements/MoU's were signed along with a joint statement on 'Strategic Partnership' which was elevated from the 'Comprehensive Partnership' signed in 2014. Trade and investment are also increasing with many Japanese companies showing interest in Bangladesh. Bangladesh is ready to serve as a bridge between South Asia and South-east Asia.

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister, in her fourth consecutive term, has provided the leadership and vision in leading Bangladesh steadily and strongly. Bangladesh is progressing rapidly to become a 'developing country' and transforming into a technologically advanced, modern, knowledge-based 'Smart Bangladesh.' We believe that Japan, a trusted friend and an important develop-

ment partner, will support us in this endeavor. I am confident that the relations between the two countries will continue to grow stronger and deeper in the coming days.

Joi Bangla!
Joi Bangabandhu!
Long live Bangladesh-Japan Friendship

Shahabuddin Ahmed

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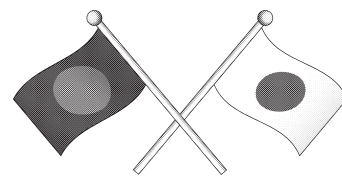
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