National Day of Bangladesh



Celebrating the 51st Anniversary of Independence





Ambassador of Bangladesh

This year we are celebrating the 51st Independence and National Day of Bangladesh as well as the 50th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations with Japan. I pay my deepest homage to Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. I also re-



member with reverence our four national leaders, all martyred and valiant freedom fighters, and brave people of Bangladesh for their supreme sacrifices for achieving our independence.

I convey my profound respect to Their Majesties Emperor and Empress of Japan. I also extend my warm greetings to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the friendly gov-

Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations

ernment & people of Japan.

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu visited Japan in 1973, thus solidifying the foundation of friendship which has only grown stronger over the years.

Japan has been providing continuous support to Bangladesh and currently is the largest bilateral development partner. Annual trade and investment are increasing. 100 special economic zones are being developed

where many Japanese companies are investing.

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is progressing steadily and strongly. Recently the government has achieved yet another milestone by bringing entire Bangladesh under full electricity coverage. We are on the path to attain the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, realize the target of higher middle-income country by 2031, and become developed country by 2041.

We are working towards further deepening of Bangladesh-Japan relations. I echo the expression of our Prime Minister that our last fifty years of enviable cooperation would remain an inspiration for the coming fifty

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

Shahabuddin Ahmed



Dhaka Metro's MRT Line-6, Bangladesh's first Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system covering about 20 kilometers through a fully elevated track, is scheduled to start commercial services in December this year. Japan has extended official development assistance for the MRT project.



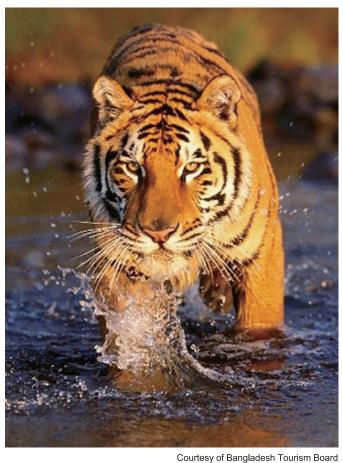
Bangladesh has the longest unbroken natural sea beach in the world stretching over 120 km in Cox's Bazar.



Courtesy of Bangladesh Tourism Board



Courtesy of Bangladesh Tourism Board Shapla (Water lily), the national flower of Bangladesh



Royal Bengal Tiger

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Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, **Honorable Prime Minister of** the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

CONGRATULATIONS to the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the Occasion of Their Independence Day



Best wishes for the industrial and economic development and peace of Bangladesh. President: Md. Liakat Hossain

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