







# **SAFJUAA Souvenir 2014**

4th South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA)

Speech Contest in Japanese Language

SAFJUAA Annual Meeting 2014



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Venue: CIRDAP, Dhaka, Bangladesh Date: March 21, 2014

# Program of SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese Language & SAFJUAA Annual Meeting

March 20, 2014	: Arrival of SAFJUAA Representatives and Speech Contestants
March 21, 2014	: Inaugural Session, Japanese Language Speech
	Contest and SAFJUAA Annual Meeting
Inaugural Sessio	$\mathbf{n}$
08.30-09.15	: Registration of the participants and arrival of the guests
09.15-09.20	: Welcome Address by the Convener of SAFJUAA
	Japanese Speech Contest Organizing Committee
09.20-09.45	: Address by SAFJUAA representatives of India,
	Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
09.45-09.55	: Speech by the Special Guest, Mr. Shiro Sadoshima,
	His Excellency Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh
09.55-10.05	: Speech by the Chief Guest, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP.
	Honourable Education Minister,
	Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

#### 10.05-10.30: Tea Break

SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest

Topic for Junior and Senior group: Topic Open; Time: 06 minutes
(04 min. Speech and 02 min. Answering questions by the Judges)
10.30-11.10 : Junior group Contestants from Bangladesh, India,
Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (6 minutes each),
11.10-12.00 : Senior group Contestants from Bangladesh, India,
Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (6 minutes each)
12.00-12.20 : Remarks and Declaration of the result by two Judges
12.20-12.40 : Prize giving ceremony
12.40-14.30 : Lunch and Prayer

#### SAFJUAA Annual Meeting

Time: 14:30-16:30

Master of Ceremony: Professor Dr. M. A. M. Yahia Khandoker, General Secretary, JUAAB



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# Minister Ministry of Education Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

I am delighted that the South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) is going to organize its fourth SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest and Annual General Meeting in Bangladesh on 21 March, 2014 in association with the Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB), Japan Foundation and The Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh. I would like to take the opportunity to express my warm greetings and heartfelt appreciation to the organizers for perseverance, dedication and work have made success the prestigious occasion. I am really proud of you, the scholars from South Asian Nations graduated from Japanese universities who organized a consortium and meeting every year in one of the countries. I am appreciating you to choose Bangladesh as your meeting venue this year. I am very much happy to know that through the consortium the Japanese government is trying to expand the Japanese language promotional activities in the South Asian Nations.

In particular, it would be an opportunity to enhance the future regional cooperation. Bangladesh government hopes to see noticeable and expeditious outcomes in greater integration from this type of activity particularly in the educational and cultural domain in the near future. I hope this will help bilateral cooperation and collaboration between Bangladesh and Japan, the model of technical and economic development.

The present government has already undertaken all possible measures to enhance the quality of higher education in Bangladesh. On behalf of Bangladesh government, the Education Ministry hopes that the Japan government will continue its efforts offering scholarships and fellowships to the meritorious students, academicians and scholars for higher studies and research in Japanese universities which will ultimately be helpful for the technological and sustainable economic development of Bangladesh.

Special thanks to Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh as well as Japanese government to extend their hands and cooperation to build the organization.

I wish the fourth SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest and Annual General Meeting a grand success.

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Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP.



#### AMBASSADOR Embassy of Japan, Bangladesh

Let me first congratulate all contestants who have won this opportunity through their relentless studying effort to participate in today's speech contest as the winners of national contests in each home countries.

It is interesting to know that according to a survey taken among Japanese learners in South Asia, the number one and two motivations to study Japanese is interest in the Japanese language itself, and communication in Japanese. I strongly encourage you to visit or study in Japan in the future so that you will feel rewarded for your achievement in Japanese proficiency and further deepen your understanding of Japanese culture and the people. You are a treasure for us to make our bonds between the peoples of South Asia and Japan stronger. I hope more people will be inspired and become interested in learning Japanese through you.

I thank all Members of SAFJUAA for your continued contribution in strengthening the ties between Japan and respective countries, and also special thanks to JUAAB for hosting this auspicious event.

Wishing you a success of the Contest and the Annual Meeting of SAFJUAA.

佐瀬島志郎

Shiro Sadoshima Ambassador of Japan





It is my pleasure that a "SAFJUAA Souvenir 2014" is going to be published on the auspicious occasion of 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese language and the Annual Meeting of South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) 2014 organized by the Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh and Japan Foundation. The establishment of SAFJUAA was first decided in the meeting at Kathmandu in March 2005 comprising with the Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka developed a constitution (Regulation) of SAFJUAA. The first annual meeting of SAFJUAA was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in March 20, 2008. In the first meeting the presidents of all the member Japanese Universities Alumni Associations including JUAAN (Nepal), MOSAI (India), MAAP (Pakistan) and JAGAAS (Sri Lanka) were present and unanimously signed in the "Dhaka Declaration 2007" with the prime objectives to develop SAFJUAA as an action-oriented and vibrant platform where ideas and experiences of mutual interests are exchanged among SAFJUAA members for their benefits in particular and for people of the South Asian in general. SAFJUAA was established to promote scientific, academic and non-academic socio-cultural exchange among the member associations of national interest to develop indigenous technologies and perform actions that contribute to bring peace, alleviate hunger and bring social harmony with stability in the region. The rules and regulations of SAFJUAA was amended in the second annual general body meet meeting of Delhi, India in March 19-20, 2009, The Third reunion of SAFJUAA was held in Nepal and the fourth reunion of SAFJUAA was held in Islamabad, Pakistan and signed "Islamabad Communiqué 2011" by JUAAB, MOSAI, JUAAN, MAAP and JAGAAS with more or less similar declaration as Dhaka Declaration 2007". In fact, in the last annual meeting of SAFJUAA in Colombo, Sri Lanka in March 2013, no new declaration was made. Following the traditional rotation, JUAAB became the host of 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest and the Annual Meeting of SAFJUAA 2014.

In today's increasingly interdependent world, we will continue our efforts to move toward creation of a new world of peace and prosperity through co-operation and friendship and in collaboration with the member associations and Japan through collaborative activities.

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 including the 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest and the Annual Meeting of SAFJUAA 2014. Finally, my special thanks are due to the Japan Foundation, Tokyo for their financial supports and the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh for cordial continuous supports to bring success of the activities of JUAAB and today's occasion. I would like to express my special thanks and acknowledgement to Mr. Ryoji Tsuge and Ms. Ariyoshi Rumi, Head and Deputy Head, respectively, of the public affairs and cultural division of the Embassy of Japan for their continuous efforts to success JUAAB activities and 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest and the SAFJUAA Annual Meeting 2014. My heartfelt thanks are extended to Janata Bank Ltd and others who contributed in publishing the "SAFJUAA Souvenir 2014" by giving advertisements of their companies and enterprises. My thanks are extended to the editorial board for their painstaking efforts to publish the "SAFJUAA Souvenir". I wish the purpose of publication a success.

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Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan





## General Secretary, JUAAB

Member Secretary, SAFJUAA- 2014 Organizing Committee

It is my immense pleasure to inform all of you that Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) is hosting to organize the 4th South Asian Federation of Japanese University Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) Speech Contest in Japanese Language and SAFJUAA Annual Meeting 2014 in Dhaka on March 21, 2014.

SAFJUAA is a federation of Japanese universities alumni associations in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to promote friendship and understanding among these countries of the South Asian Region and Japan. The members of SAFJUAA are: Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB); Monbusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI); Japanese University Alumni Association of Nepal (JUAAN); Monbukagakusho Alumni Association of Pakistan (MAAP) and Japanese Graduate Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (JAGAAS). This year rather than Bangladesh one of the country representative and two other speech contestants from each of India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are attending in this program.

JUAAB also has the opportunity to organize first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of SAFJUAA in Dhaka on 20th March 2008. The 3rd SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest and meeting were held in Colombo, Sri Lanka and in that meeting Dhaka was selected as the venue of 4th SAFJUAA program. Though Dhaka declared as the venue of SAFJUAA program but initially we have limited information on SAFJUAA and also had severe fund limitation. By the way, we had shared about this matter with HE Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh. Japanese Embassy was kind enough to recommend our project proposal to get the fund from Japan Foundation, Tokyo. Finally, we got the partial financial support from Japan Foundation and JUAAB Executive Committee vigorously putted their effort to organize this program successfully and practically it is happening.

I personally believe that the gathering of SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese Language and meeting will promote the friendship and understanding among these countries, of the South Asian Region and Japan. In this opportunity, I am taking the privilege to acknowledge the members of JUAAB and SAFJUAA Program Organizing Committee and other sub-committee who in spite of their huge work load, carried out this massive task in time. Japan Foundation, Japan Embassy in Bangladesh, Janata Bank Ltd, and some other organizations are deserve special thanks for patronizing and funding without which its materialization might be difficult.

I wish the program a great success.

Prof. Dr. M. A. M. Yahia Khandoker





## Convener, Souvenir Committee 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest and the Annual Meeting 2014

The SAFJUAA, the South Asian Federation of Japanese University Alumni Associations, was launched on 20 March 2008 by "Dhaka Declaration" with representatives from 5 Southeast Asian nations: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The SAFJUAA is going to organize its 4th consecutive General Meeting and SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest on March 21, 2014. Japan has been the most important donor in this region for many years, extending supports for development to many disciplines including technology, agriculture, rural employment, infrastructure development, education and culture. Nowadays, however, bilateral relations between Japan and Bangladesh or with other Asian nations have been shifted from the mere donor to "Development Partners" because of fundamental changes taking place towards economic enhancement in the region. The developing Southeast Asian nations can now play bigger roles in contributing to the economy of Japan itself, instead of perceiving previous donorrecipient relations alone. The economy in the region has been changing very fast, whereby Japan does consider these states as valued development partners as well, towards deriving mutual benefits. In the changed situation, the functional relation between Japan and southeast Asian partners need to be revitalized focusing more on regional and bilateral developmental plan, so that both Japan and SAFJUAA countries are equally benefitted. I hope the 4th SAFJUAA meeting and Japanese Language Speech Contest will open new avenues directing bilateral and regional development agendas, particularly on higher education, research and culture, through fruitful discussions and sharing of ideas. The JUAAB can take lead role in shaping up future agendas. I do believe the present dynamic leadership of the executive committee and Advisory Council of JUAAB will continue their efforts to strengthen the friendship with Japan and SUFJUAA countries through more collaborative activities.

I would like to express my gratefulness and thanks to the SUFJUAA delegates to come over Bangladesh to make the meeting and speech contest a successful one. I would like to appreciate the dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and continuous efforts of the members of the JUAAB to make the 4th SAFJUAA Meeting and Japanese Language Speech Contest - 2014 a grand success. Cordials thanks are due to the Embassy of Japan and Japan Foundation for logistic supports. The Souvenir Publication Committee is thankful to the contributors of all levels who have made the publication of souvenir and happening of this glorious event successful by their thoughtful write up, physical and monitory assistance and other supports.

I wish the SAFJUAA meeting a great success.

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Professor Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam Convener, Publication Committee





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&
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Oh! Think. We are working in the lab in a Japanese university. Citizens from different countries are working, helping each other, sharing sorrows and happiness. Enjoying seminars and dining together, etc.Look around, the lab atmosphere is back in Dhaka now. Listen! They are talking in Japanese, Hindi, Nepalese, Urdu, English, Sinhala and Bangla in a room. Cheerful atmosphere is there. We want this and that is why SAFJUAA(South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association) is established. We want to be updated about Japanese education and culture after coming back from Japan. We desire to share our feelings as we did in the lab in Japan. We wish to speak Japanese sometimes in our countries. If speaking practice is not taken place, we may be unable to call to mind Japanese in the future. That's why we have arranged this occasion of congregation in the name of SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese Language and SAFJUAA Annual Meeting 2014. After the programme we would bring memories from host country to hometown. We would share each other's values, culture and hospitality. Japanese Embassy and Japan Government are giving these opportunities to us to make this programme a success. They have given us this opportunity to make this organization alive to celebrate every year. We gratefully acknowledge their contribution and cordiality.

We hope the essence of this congregation will be well circulated in the other countries to build an International Association of Japanese Universities Alumni (IAJUA) in the near future. SAFJUAA starts from Bangladesh. I propose IAJUA will also starts from here.

Special thanks to Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh and Japan Foundation, Tokyo. They are helping JUAAB untiringly in different ways like financial, moral and physical support to make this programme successfull.

I would like to express my gratefulness to the institutes and companies rendering their moral and financial support by giving advertisement in the souvenir.

Heartfelt appreciations to JUAAB past and present advisors as well as EC Leaders, publication committee and other general members, JUAAB office staffs and the press for their cordial and well-timed help and cooperation to publish this souvenir.

Long live SAFJUAA, long live Japan Bangladesh relationship.



Dr AKM Shameem Alam

#### A Brief Introduction to the Development of South Asia Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA)

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South Asia Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) was established with the objectives of interaction and maintain link with Japanese Universities Alumni Associations and its members of South Asian countries. The first meeting of the Japanese Universities Alumni Associations of South Asian Region was held at Kathmandu on March 29, 2005. At the meeting, it was unanimously decided to establish South Asian Federation of Japan Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) comprising the Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Bangladesh (JUAAB), Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Nepal (JUAAN), Monbusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI), Monbukagakusho Alumni Association of Pakistan (MAAP) and Japanese Graduate Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (JAGAAS), In the first meeting in 2005 at Kathmandu, a "Constitution of the South Asian Federation of the Japan Universities Alumni Associations (SAFJUAA) was unanimously structured with the decision to be implemented immediately. In accordance to the first constitution SAFJAA will be comprised of a seven members Governing Board act as executive committee thatis as follows:President 1; Vice President 1; Secretary General 1; Treasurer 1 and Members 3. The President of the SAFJAA will be elected on the basis of alphabetical orders and the President of the concerned Alumni Association will be elected as the President. The Vice-President will be elected from the forthcoming President, which succeeds the prevailing President. The Secretary General and the Treasurer will be co-opted by the President from the executive committee members of the Alumni Association of his/her own country. The three members will be the Presidents of the SAFJUAA member Alumni countries of the region. President will co-opt the Secretary General and Treasurer within 7 days from the date of election. The tenure of the Governing Board shall be of two years from the date of formation. However, the Governing Board shall work as a caretaker until the date of a new Board is formed. The Caretaker Governing Board shall have full powers to carry out activities for the achievement of the objectives of the SAFJUAA. The members of SAFJUAA shall be JUAAB, MOSAI, JUSAN, MAAP and JAGAS. The other Alumni associations of Japanese Universities established in any country of South Asia Region, i.e. Bhutan and Maldives may obtain membership of SAFJUAA. Any member may revoke from SAFJUAA voluntarily. The Governing Board may terminate to any member that do not comply the decision/s made by the Governing Board. The main objectives of the establishment of SAFJUAA were

- to organize regional conferences/seminars/workshops/symposiums on common interests of scientific, social and cultural aspects as deemed appropriate;
- to publish joint publications of journal/proceedings/newsletters/bulletins and reports in soft and hard forms (electronic and paper);
- b to conduct cultural and scientific exchange programs among the members

countries and Japan and strengthening the link between SAFJUAA and Japan.

In order to achieve the objectives mentioned above, SAFJUAA shall conduct following functions and activities with the following procedures:

- ➤ SAFJUAA will organize regional conferences/seminars/workshops/symposiums/video conference every year on the topic and issues as prescribed by the Executive Committee. In case the conference could not be held every year, it shall be held in every two years.
- Publication will be made every year. The host country will be responsible for the publication. In this regard an editorial board may be formed comprising the representative of each member country. Priority shall be given to publish the noble works as well as popular articles and research works of Alumni in the publications mentioned above. The first issue of publication will include the directories of the Alumni containing their present fields of work in brief.
- ▶ Promote cultural and scientific programs among South Asian countries and Japan. Programs such as joint research, speech, songs, music, dance, documentary, films and quiz contest may be conducted under this program.
- ▶ Regular communication with respective Japanese Embassies in the member countries shall be maintained.
- ▶ All the publications of SAFJUAA shall be provided to the Japanese Embassies of the Region, MOFA, Tokyo and other concerned bodies of the region.
- Invite Japanese professionals and authorities in the activities of SAFJUAA.
- The principle of consensus shall be the guiding principle for decision-making process of SAFJUAA. However, voting system shall also be followed in case of lack of consensus.
- ➤ All the member countries shall have equal status and the principle of equality shall be followed.

The Governing Board of SAFJUAA may convene meetings through an authorized electronic media communication. Different Committees such as publication, scientific and cultural exchange, fund raising and advisory may be formed for the effective implementation of the objectives of SAFJUAA.

The Members of the Governing Board shall act as coordinators of the above-mentioned committees. The advisory committee may be formed from the persons of the member countries of SAFJAA and professional Japanese nationals of academic field.

#### Miscellaneous Matters

In accordance to the SAFJUAA constitution,

The decisions made or resolutions passed by the Governing Board shall be binding to all member associations.

- The Constitution can be amended by the resolution passed by the Governing Board, later to be approved by the respective associations.
- ▶ In case of any obstacles occurred in regard to function of the SAFJAA, the issue shall be solved with consensus with the spirit of unity and friendship among regional associations.

#### **Phaka Declaration, 2007**

The delegates of the Associations of member countries of SAFJUAA (JUAAB, MOSAI, JUAAN, MAAP and JAGAAS) adopted SAFJUAA 1st Annual General Meeting -2007 declaration unanimously at National Press Club, Dhaka on March 20, 2008. Dhaka Declaration reinforced to strengthen the member Associations will interact closely among themselves to make SAFJUAA an action-oriented and ideas and vibrant platform where experiences of mutual interests are exchanged among SAFJUAA members for their benefits in particular and for people of the South Asia in general. Dhaka declaration includes development of its web-site, promotes scientific, academic, cultural and socioeconomic exchanges among the member Associations of SAFJUAA of national interest and execute actions that contribute to bring peace, social harmony, alleviation of poverty and stability in the region.

Dhaka Declaration 2007 reinforced SAFJUAA meeting as a regular event in rotation within five members associations along with the funding arrangements/support by MOFA, Japan. A total of nine important issues are in agreement among the member Associations make Dhaka Declaration 2007 as a worthy documentation of SAFJUAA.

The second SAFJUAA meeting was held in Delhi, India on 19-20 March 2009 organized by MOSAI comprising with five important sessions of which Statutory session, session on Web-site and session of 1st SAFJUAA Japanese language speech contest session were most important.

In the Statutory session, the following decisions were taken: -

- 1. The Agenda for the 2009 Annual Meeting in New Delhi was formally adopted.
- 2. The Charter of SAFJUAA framed in 2005 including amendments, if any, adopted at the subsequent meetings shall be treated as guidelines and not as a statutory requirement.
- 3. The following amendments to the Charter were adopted:
- 3.1 Para 7.5 of the Charter be modified as follows:
  - After the 1st Annual meeting in Bangladesh and the 2nd in India (New Delhi), subsequent GB meetings will be held once a year preferably between January to March in the following sequence: -Nepal (2010), Pakistan (2011), Sri Lanka (2012), Bangladesh (2013) and India (2014), Nepal (2015)......
  - 3.2 Accordingly after each Annual GB Meeting, the president of the association of the country holding the forthcoming meeting shall be President of SAFJUAA from 1st of April of that year and the membership of GB for April 1st to March31st next year will get constituted as per the existing Charter.
  - 3.3 Chapter 7 of the Charter regarding funds be replaced by the following operative

guidelines: -

There is no need to establish a fund for SAFJUAA. The host country's association will arrange the funds for the annual meeting. Funds and resources for specific activities will be arranged by the proposing association other member countries shall help to the extent they can.

4. A website of SAFJUAA maintained by MOSAI shall act as a "hub" or "virtualsecretariat" of SAFJUAA. The site will have information on SAFJUAA requiredfor ensuring continuity in working of SAFJUAA in the face of periodic changesin the setups of member associations. The initial contents of the website would bedecided in the meeting at New Delhi and will be reviewed at each of thesubsequent Annual Meetings. MOSAI shall arrange funds required to maintainthe web site.

#### Session on website:

1. Each Association presented their contents and this was followed by a discussion on SAFJUAA Web Site initiated by Dr Ashok Jain who suggested a web site consisting of three main parts:

Part 1: About SAFJUAA: Charter, Meetings, and GB composition etc

Part 2: Links to Member Associations' Home Pages (access to information on Individual associations)

Part 3: Proposed joint activities under SAFJUAA and contact information of respective association organising the activity.

2. Following points were brought out in the discussion

Issues to be taken care of: -

- Accessibility of Home pages (continuous connectivity, reliability ofservice provider)
- Deposition of Home pages by Associations (viability of SFJUAA site willdepend on how active are home pages of individual associations)
- Most difficult is the member's list (usually email is the contact, if itchanges, person becomes non-contactable). It was noted that Sri Lanka has given facility on its home page to update his/her record through security mechanism

#### . Objective/Purpose of SFAJUAA Site

>> Communication amongst members

- ▶ Provide continuity to SAFJUAA (will help in-coming new elected etcmembers of Managing Committees to take follow up action)
- >> Some specific activity that may interest wider community (For example

>> Information in Newsletters of member associations

>> Search/locate Alumni expertise in the region: members categorized subject wise

Starting the website

To start with, SAFJUUA site is to be hosted as part of MOSAI Home page.MOSAI President was authorized to design the webpage with inputs, if any,from other members communicated to Dr Jain by email. Initially theweb site is to contain the following information:

- >> Presentations made by associations at New Delhi meeting
- >> Links to available home pages of member associations
- >> Information on activities decided by the end of the New Delhi meeting,

>> Available information on SAFJUAA

Future efforts at additional content:

- List of selected Alumni "achievers" from amongst members (Sri Lankawas noted as a good example; its alumni are Vice Chancellors, Secretaries, Senior officials in international organisations etc)
- Link to 'Study in Japan' at MOSAI home page to help education counselling units in member countries
- ▶ Effort to be made at developing a data base structure to allow search across member- databases of individual associations aimed at facilitatingsearch of people in the region with 'domain expertise' as well with familiarity and knowledge of Japan.

Session on Japanese Language Speech Contest & other Joint Activies

Modalities of SAFJUAA Regional Japanese Language Speech Contest (SRJLSC) were discussed. It was agreed that each association should send two candidates, one for participating in the Junior Category and one in the Senior Category. For participation, candidates must meet the eligibility conditions laid out in the Rules and Regulations booklet of SRJLC; respective sending associations shall certify compliance with the eligibility conditions in respect of candidates nominated by them. SRJLSC eligibility conditions and other modalities, it as agreed, will be generally along the lines adopted by JAGAAS in Sri Lanka and MOSAI in India. The rules and regulations contained in the booklet of MOSAI. Japanese Language Speech Contest circulated in the meeting was generally adopted for SRJLSC with the following modifications: -

#### 1. Eligibility

Under a) specify amongst other conditions, candidate whose spouse or whose mother and or father's native language is Japanese is not eligible. Under b) specify: those who have been or are engaged in teaching Japanese Language in any institution at the time the contest is held in a country as part of selection process for SRJLSC is not eligible. Under c) Age for participation: Minimum 18 and Maximum 35 at the time SRJLC is held

#### 2. Junior and Senior Categories

Junior category is open only to those who have studied Japanese for a period less than or equal to 500 hours. Senior Category is open to all but eligible candidates as defined under Eligibility conditions, SAFJUAA Japanese language Speech contest following the Rules and Regulations as approved by SAFJUAA 2009.

Session on Alumni Survey of the second SAFJUAA meeting was decided that all the member associations in their respective countries wouldconduct the survey.

Based on this exercise and discussion, the following conclusions were arrived at: -

- >> The questionnaire should be titled as 'SAFJUAA SURVEY OF JAPANALUMNI'
- While the questionnaire was generally accepted, corrections in numbering ofquestions, deletion of superfluous numbers on sub-heads, and other such editorial corrections need to be taken care of. Other required modifications included clarity in questions and expected answers on Occupation, Major Subject (for example achoice out of given set could be given), First and Second Institution, format ofdate of birth etc.
- » MOSAI shall incorporate the suggested corrections and modifications and sendthe

final questionnaire to the member associations participated.

#### 3rd SAFJUAA Reunion in Kathmandu

JUAAN, supported by the Embassy of Japan, hosted the South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Associations (SAFJUAA) symposium on March 13 and 14 at the Embassy hall. Delegates from alumni associations from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated in a 2-day program with the great enthusiasm. In the meeting the participants discussed on the sustainability of SAFJUAA as an organization and its various activities. As the outcome of the meeting, they affirmed commitment to strengthen its relationship with South Asia and Japan, and decided to promote its vision that SAFJUAA shall be a driving force in achieving and also sustaining long term peace and prosperity among member nations integrating their effort through SAFJUAA as a common platform. They agreed to hold the fourth SAFJUAA meeting in Pakistan. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SAFJUAA Japanese language Speech contest was organized by JUAAN in 2012 at Kathmandu, Nepal where all the member countries were participated.

#### Islamabad Communiqué 2011

On successful completion of fourth reunion (Tsudoi), 2011 the delegate of SAFJUAA are in agreement to promote high level intellectual exchange of scholars and educators among all member countries in the fields of scientific, industrial, agricultural, health and environmental preservation and to deserve benefits from the advance Japanese knowledge and experience in relevant areas. The other declarations are more or less similar to Dhaka Declaration.

Third SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest and 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 2013, Colombo, Sri Lanka

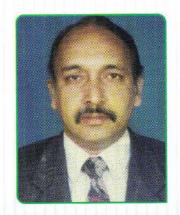
JAGAAS (Japanese Graduates Alumni Association, Sri Lanka) organized a Japanese language contest among South Asian countries in junior and senior levels at Colombo On 23rd March 2013 Sri Lanka. This is the 3rd Japanese Language Contest in South Asia supported by the Japan Foundation and the Embassy of Japan in the respective countries. This is one of the cultural activities of SAFJUAA that helps to further promote understanding of Japan and people. Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka were in the junior and senior groupand Bhutan participated first time in junior group. Inauguration ceremony was made by lighting the lamp. After the opening formalities Japanese language speech contest began. Bangladeshi constants Miss Kosturi stood first in the junior level and Nepali contestants MrBikram Lama stood first in senior level. In the afternoon session, SAFJUAA annual meeting (Tsudoi) was held. In this meeting all five countries representatives of SAFJUAA presented 15 minutes papers on their recent activities in their respective countries. Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan, President of JUAAB participated in both the occasion and presented a paper on the activities of JUAAB in the Annual meeting. All member countries more or less, carry on similar activities. In the second half of the afternoon session, Symposium on "Emerging role of Japan in South Asia" was conducted. Where; five papers from respective member countries of SAFJUAA were presented. In the symposium, President of JUAAB, presented the paper entitled" Role of Japan in the Economy and Development Process of Bangladesh". Mr Daiji Sasai, the first secretary of Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka was

present throughout the day in these programs. Finally he gave the concluding remark of the symposium. He mentioned in his conclusion remark that each country has their own resource, culture and priorities for the betterment of their countries and Japan graduates are working in different position in their respected countries, these are the resource group for the Japanese people, so can be consulted for betterment in their own countries for bilateral interest activities. In the annual meeting representative of the member countries of SAFJUAA discussed about the activities of their own countries but no new declaration was made. Bangladesh was selected as the host country for the forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> SAFJUAA Japanese Speech contest and SAFJUAA Annual meeting in 2014. In the evening dinner party was organized by Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka in honour of SAFJUAA member countries delegates and Japanese language contestants.

Japanese Universities Alumni Association (JUAAB) in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh and Japan Foundation of Tokyo Office is going to be organized 4<sup>th</sup> SAFJUAA Speech contest in Japanese Language and 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SAFJUAA 2014 in CIRDAP Auditorium, 17 Topkhana Road, Dhaka on 21 March 2014. Hopefully, five representatives and 10 Japanese language Speech contestants from the member Associations of SAFJUAA will be participated.

The third SAFJUAA Japanese language Speech Contest and 5th SAFJUAA Annual Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 23 March 2013."







**Background story of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB)** 

After the independence of Bangladesh in 1971, Bangladeshi students started going to Japan for higher studies in a significant number particularly in the area of Science and Technology. The students after completion of their education use to return to Bangladesh and join different Universities, Research Institutes, Medical Colleges, Engineering Universities Dental Colleges and different Go, NGO Institutes. However, there was no forum for the Bangladeshi graduates from Japanese Universities to share their experiences in Japan or how to improve and utilize their knowledge about Japan. Some halfhearted attempts were made time to form an association but it did not materialize. Then in the year 2000, at the initiative of the honourable Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, some senior Monbusho Scholars met at the residence of the ambassador and discussed about the formation of an alumni association. An Ad-hoc committee headed by Prof. Alauddin Ahamed honorable member of the parliament at that time and myself as secretary of the committee were formed to frame the constitution of the Association. Mr. Y. Tanaka, Director, press and cultural affairs of the Embassy were given the responsibility to steer the activities of the ad-hoc committee. We the members of the committee used to meet almost every week in the evening at Tanaka's office to frame the constitution Couple of things, we have decided at the very beginning of the meeting, one of them was to keep the association away from National Politics of Bangladesh, to make the association a non profit organization and to have a forum open to all the scholars who studied in Japanese Universities. Another reason for the formation of association that was discussed at the ambassador's residence was the 30th anniversary celebration of the diplomatic recognition of Bangladesh by Japan in 1972. The ad-hoc committee worked very hard to frame the constitution, talked to many Monbusho scholars about their feelings about a possible association. Finally in September 2000, JUAAB was launched through a meeting of all ex-monbusho scholars at hotel Purbani and I was elected as the founder President of JUAAB.

Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) was formally launched with its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election on 29 September, 2000, at a local hotel. This represented the culmination of six-month efforts of the ad-hoc committee headed by Prof. Alauddin Ahmed, MP.

The formation of JUAAB marks the realization of a long felt need for such an organization. It is hoped that JUAAB would have profound impact on its members in their social, cultural and professional spheres and help bond the ties between Bangladesh and Japan.

A large number of graduates of Japanese Universities enthusiastically attended the meeting and took part in the proceedings. Mr. Kyokazu Ota, Minister, and Mr. Y. Tanaka, Director, Press and Cultural Affairs of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh briefly spoke on the occasion.

The first Executive Committee (EC) was formed in the AGM. A five-member Council of Advisors had already been formed by ad-hoc committee. The new fifteen EC members would act for a term of two years, as per constitution.

The program provided a festive setting for JUAAB members to meet old friends, catch up with the latest developments in areas of their common interest, and rekindle natsukashi memories from Japan. The program was rounded up with a sumptuous dinner, unfortunately no sushi or sashimi was served.

#### Main Aims and Objectives of JUAAB

- a). To promote friendship, co-operation and mutual understanding among the alumni of Japanese universities in Bangladesh.
- b). To promote academic exchange and exchange of scientific, technological and cultural activities between Bangladesh and Japan.
- c). To strengthen the bonds of friendship between Bangladesh and Japan.
- d). To publish newsletters, journals, periodicals and other materials in print and/o on electronic media in pursuance of the aims and objectives of the Association.
- e). To provide counseling and share experiences with the Bangladeshi students who are currently studying or preparing to study in Japan.
- f). To promote awareness among promising Bangladeshi students about the academic system and opportunities for higher studies in Japan.
- g). To extend support for continuing research, consulting services and welfare for the professional interests of the members of the Association.
- h). To promote a non-political and non-profit making nature of the Association.
- i). To promote and support cultural and other related activities in different organizations by the JUAAB members.

#### First Executive Committee of JUAAB

#### President:

Prof. Ishtiaq Mahmud

**Vice-Presidents:** 

Prof. Mozammel Hoq

Prof. M. Aminul Islam

General Secretary:

Dr. K.M. Maniruzzaman

Treasurer:

Dr. Sarder A. Nayeem

Joint Secretary:

Dr. Emran K. Chowdhury

Research and Publication Secretary:

Dr. Motiur Rahman Molla

Members:

Prof. Alauddin Ahmed, MP

Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman

Dr. Nadira Islam

Prof. Ekramul Haque

Dr. M. Alamgir

Dr. Ahmed M. Kabir

Mr. Shafiqur Rahman

#### First JUAAB Council of Advisors

- 1. Mr. Sheikh Ahmed Jalal
- 2. Dr. Moazzem Hossain
- 3. Prof. B.N. Islam
- 4. Prof. Abu Tayab Abu Ahmed
- 5. Mr. Momtazuddin Bhuiyan

#### **Present Position of JUAAB**

According to JUAAB alumni directory 2013 more than 300 Bangladesh graduates of Japanese universities are life members of the association. JUAAB also has more than hundred general members and few associate members. Its current office is an Farmgate area but very soon it will move to its new permanent office at Shyamoly, Dhaka. JUAAB office has couple of full time employees and the office remain busy in the week days from morning till evening. JUAAB celebrates different National Occasion of Bangladesh and Japan, arrange speech contest in Bangla by foreign nationals residing in Bangladesh besides Ikebana festival and other cultural events of both countries are celebrated. I personally feel that JUAAB is doing an excellent job in terms of improving the cultural ties between two countries as well as providing a forum for the JUAAB members to exchange views. I wish JUAAB more success once it moves to its permanent office.

## BRIEF HISTORY ON BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1972 (Feb. 10) Japan recognized the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

(Feb. 11) Japan and the People's Republic of Bangladesh established the Diplomatic relations. Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo was opened with Ambassador Manoranjan Dhar. Japanese Parliamentarians Delegation headed by

Mr. Takashi Hayakawa visited Bangladesh.Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was opened withAmbassador Takashi Oyamada. Bangladesh-Japan Association was established. Japanese relief assistance of rice, clothes and vessels was extended to Bangladesh.(the First Japanese assistance to the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

- Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman visited Japan. The first batch of Japan 1973 Overseas Cooperation Volunteers was dispatched. Japanese Economic Mission dispatched by the government of 1974 Japan visited Bangladesh. Their Imperial Highnesses. The Crown Prince AKIHITO and the 1975 Princess Michiko (His Majesty the current Emperor and Her Majesty Empress) visited Bangladesh. 1977 Foreign Minister Hatoyama visited Bangladesh. President Ziaur Rahman visited Japan. 1978 Agreement between Japan and Bangladesh for Air Services was 1980 signed. The 1st Japan-Bangladesh Committee for Commerce and Economic Cooperation was held. President Ziaur Rahman visited Japan. Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, constructed with Japanese loan, was 1981 opened. Japan- Bangladesh Parliamentarians' League and Bangladesh-Japan Parliamentarians' League were established. Cultural agreement between Japan and Bangladesh was signed. 1982 1985 President Ershad visited Japan. Foreign Minister Kuranari visited Bangladesh. 1987 President Ershad visited Japan. 1989 Former Prime Minister Fukuda visited Bangladesh. Prime Minister Kaiku visited Bangladesh. 1990 Meghna Bridge, constructed with Japanese grant, was opened. President Ershad visited Japan.
  - TV drama series OSHIN broadcasted in Bangladesh (till 1992).

    Japanese Election Monitoring Team visited Bangladesh led by Mr. Hiroshi

    Mitsuzuka. President of Japan- Bangladesh Parliamentarians' League.

    Convention between Japan and Bangladesh for the avoidance of double taxation

and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes income was signed Economic mission dispatched by the government of Japan visited Bangladesh.

- Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visited Japan.

  Mission of the Federation of Economic Organizations of Japan visited Bangladesh. Meghna-Gumti Bridge, constructed with Japanese grant, was opened.
- 1995 Foreign Minister Mustafiz Rahman visited Japan.
- Japanese Election Monitoring Team visited Bangladesh led by M. Shin Sakurai, Vice-President of Japan- Bangladesh Parliamentarians' League.
- 1997 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Visited Japan.
- Jamuna Multiqurpose Bridge, constructed with Japanese loan, was opened foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad Visited Japan. Agreement between Japan and Bangladesh concerning the promotion and protection of investment was signed.
- 2000 Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad visited Japan Primie Minister Mori visited Bangladesh
- 2001 Chittagong International Airport, constructed with Japanese loan, was opened Japanese Election Monitoring Team visited Bangladesh led by Mr. Shin Sakurai, Vice-President of Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentarian' League. Information Minister Abdul moyeen Khan visited Japan. Women and children Affairs Minister Begum Khurshid Zahan Haque Visited Japan.
- 2002 Foreign Minister Monzur Morshed Khan visited Japan.

#### Ishtiaq Mahmud, Ph.D.

Professor
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
University of Dhaka and
Founder Member of JUAAB

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# Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI) MOSAI

Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI) is a registered society. Its select membership consists of specialists with first hand intensive experience of years of research and academic assignments at Japanese universities, research institutions and industry. Members occupy senior positions in various Indian institutions, industry and government agencies.

The association specialises in promoting educational, research, and academic contacts between India and Japan in the context of Indo-Japan Cooperation for Global Partnerships as enunciated by the Prime Ministers of the two countries.

MOSAI works closely with the Embassy of Japan in India, The Japan Foundation and other Indo-Japan related organisations.

MOSAI activities and services include promotion of academic and educational links between Indian and Japanese institutions and encouragement of higher studies in Japan and learning of Japanese Language.

MOSAI also undertakes research and study projects, brings out occasional publications, organises lectures, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and other such activities for the attainment of the following aims and objectives:

- To foster a spirit of understanding and cooperation amongst its members and between India and Japan.
- To promote the interests of its members and act as an accepted channel of communication between the members of the Association and related organisations in Japan.
- To organise and conduct social, cultural and such other activities as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above aims and objectives

MOSAI operates an Education Counselling Cell recognised by Japan Students Service Organisation (JASSO) to provide information and give advice on opportunities available for higher studies in Japan and a Japanese Language Institute in New Delhi to teach Japanese Language and provide curriculum advice and text books to other institutions.

This web site, we hope, will facilitate communication amongst the members and between MOSAI and organisations in India and in Japan active in promoting Indo- Japan contacts.

### A Brief introduction of The Monbukagakusho Alumni Association of Pakistan (MAAP)



The Monbukagakusho Alumni Association of Pakistan (MAAP) is an organization of the scholars, scientists, doctors, engineers etc. who were awarded scholarships by the MEXT (Ministry of Gucci Totes Education, Science and Culture, Japan: Monbukagakusho) for higher studies in Japan. It was founded in 1996 in Islamabad.

The objectives of this organization were to develop contacts with the Monbukagakusho scholars not only in Pakistan, but also in other countries, with the view of exchanging information of mutual benefit.

This organization would also contribute in strengthening friendly relationship between Pakistan and Japan. The organization periodically conducts Japanese language classes in Islamabad, provides guidance to the students on how to study in Japan, arranges an annual get-together for all the members, publishes a bi-annual newsletter, in addition to collaborating with the Embassy of Japan and the Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association in arranging cultural functions.

#### **Activities:**

- Develop contacts with the MAAP member/scholars, strengthening of friendly relations among MAAP and other Associations
- Assist EOJ in selection procedure, Assist EOJ in organizing various cultural events, Conducting orientation for MEXT grantees, Guidance to the students seeking admission in Japanese Universities, Japanese Film Festival
- Ikebana, Japanese Speech Context, Develop contacts with the MAAP member/scholars, Conducting JLPT, Bonenkai, Regular monthly MAAP meetings, Maintaining www.maap.edu.pk
- Actively participating in SAFJUAA, Holding EC elections and Japanese Speech Contest regularly.

#### **Brief Introduction of**

### Japanese Universities Alumni Association (JUAAN), Nepal



The aim of JUAAN is to unit all returned Nepali students formally of Japanese universities so that the knowledge and skills acquired in Japan are used for the development of the nation. Apart from its own professional activities, JUAAN organizes educational and cultural programs and maintains contact with the educational and social institutions of Japan and makes all effort to promote friendship and understanding between the people of both countries. For these purposes different programs are organized time to time.

JUAAN is the second oldest Japan Alumni in Asia and the first in South Asia, established in 1973. At the beginning the name of this association was Japan Students & Trainees Alumni Club. Later the alumni were reorganized and the name was changed in 1996 to JUAAN. The total number of members of JUAAN is, at present, over 260. The main activities of JUAAN are regular Benkyokai; Kangeikai for those newly returned from Japan; seminars; orientations; the yearly publication of "Bulletin" newsletter; Japan Education Fair, and cultural programs. Most of the topics that are discussed in the Benkyokai are related to Japan, past and present, where Japanese and local experts are invited to deliver lectures.

In addition to these, JUAAN actively participates in important programs organized by the Embassy of Japan. JUAAN renovated part of the famous Changu-Narayan Temple, a world heritage (UNESCO) site, with the support of the Embassy of Japan in 2001. It is said that Changu-Narayan Temple in Bhaktapur, Kathmandu Valley, and Horyuji Temple in Nara, the world's most ancient wooden pagoda type temple, were built during the same period, the Nara Period (793). In 2002 JUAAN organized different events (tea ceremony, seminar, Sakura plantation and a photo exhibition) on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Nepali students going to study in Japan.

Nepal and Japan are different in many ways. However, there are some common elements in traditional culture. It is said that Japan is a power house of technology and economy. Behind this power house people and culture play an important role. With the advantage of some commonalities in traditional culture, Nepali people could learn a lot.

Most important is human resource development, in which Japan could be model. JUAAN feels its obligation to tell our countrymen what we have learned and seen in Japan. We believe that JUAAN will be able to deepen friendship and understanding among the people of both our countries as in the past and in the years to come.

Prof. Dr. Dinesh Raj Bhuju

President

### Japanese Graduates' Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (JAGAAS)



Japanese Graduates' Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (JAGAAS) has been functioning since 1993, almost 22 years old by now, and it was formed with the members who have successfully completed their higher studies in Universities and Institutions in Japan. It functions as a "Think Tank" comprising of expertise gained in Japan through numerous research and programs in the fields of science, arts, management, etc. We are engaged in sharing our knowledge, skills, and attitudes to make a positive contribution towards academic, professional, and business development activities in Sri Lanka. In particular, the main objectives of JAGAAS are to:

- Provide a forum and to promote a spirit of fellowship among members
- Promote and foster cultural and educational ties between Japan and Sri Lanka
- Assist members to gain knowledge by maintaining contacts with relevant Universities and Institutions in both countries

#### Some major recent activities of JAGAAS

- Professor Takatoshi Itos's public lecture on Financial and Capital Market Liberalization of Emerging Market Economies: Lessons for Sri Lanka in February, 2014 at FGS, UOC
- Educational seminar with the invited seven Japanese Universities in September 2013 at Galadari Hotel
- Bon Odori Festival in July 2013, at Shalika Ground, Colombo 05
- South Asian Federation of Japanese University Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) 5th annual reunion meeting followed by the South Asian Japanese Language Speech Context in March 2013 at Sazakawa Hall, Colombo 03

#### Will be events during the present financial year

- Management seminar on the "Blue-Ocean Strategy" in March 2014 at SLFI
- SAFJUAA 6th annual reunion meeting in March 2014 in Dakha, Bangladesh

We JAGAAS highly appreciate the close cooperation extended by his Excellency Nobuhito Hobo, the Ambassador for Japan in Sri Lanka, and Mr. Sasai Daiji, the First Secretary to Information and Cultural Affairs, and all other staff members of the Embassy, as well as other Japanese representative bodies in Sri Lanka which give us tremendous' support to achieve our objectives. We expect such cooperation in future as well.

# Activities of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) Professor Dr. M. A. M. Yahia Khandoker General Secretary, JUAAB

South Asian Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) is a joint forum of associations of alumni of Japanese educational institutions in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to promote friendship and understanding among these countries, of the South Asian Region and Japan. The members of SAFJUAA are: Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB); Monbusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI); Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Nepal (JUAAN); Monbukagakusho Alumni Association of Pakistan (MAAP) and Japanese Graduate Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (JAGAAS). Another year has flown after 3rd SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest and meeting which was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. JUAAB organized first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of SAFJUAA in Dhaka on 20th March 2008 and our second turn come to organize the 4th SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest and meeting. On the occasion of this auspicious program as the General Secretary of JUAAB I am taking the privilege to give a short description of the major activities carried out by the JUAAB team during last one year.

#### 12th Annual General meeting of JUAAB:

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 6th Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on March 29, 2013 at the BATON ROUGE Restaurant, Pink City (7th Floor), Gulshan-2, Dhaka. A total of 133 (one hundred thirty three) JUAAB members were present in the meeting. The AGM followed an attractive cultural program and grand dinner party. The Ambassador of Japan H. E. Mr. Shiro Sadoshima attended the dinner. March 2013 issue of JUAAB News was also published on that occasion.





#### Arranging the certificate giving ceremony:

A total of seven (7) courses so far been offered by JUAAB Japanese Language School in the session of 2013-2014. After each and every course usually our Language Teacher,

Course Coordinator and JUAAB Office staffs distributing the certificates among the students. But to encourage the students this year we arranged two certificate giving ceremony. A short course certificate awarding ceremony (number of students 18) was held on 29th March, 2013 at JUAAB office. On the other hand, another certificate giving ceremony for N-4 (number of students 5) and N-5 (number of students 28) and Long courses (number of students 13) certificate awarding ceremony was held on 28th December, 2013 at JUAAB office.





#### **JENESYS Short program**

JUAAB recommended Md. Habibur Rahman, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering student of BUET and Sabit Selim Sikder, Student of JUAAB Japanese Language School to attend the JENESYS Short program in Japan on 19th May to 26th May, 2013.





#### Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA) AGM

Bangladesh Ikebana Association's 4th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 28th June 2013 at JUAAB office. Mr. Ryoji Tsuge, Head of the Information & Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan was present as the Chief Guest in this program. JUAAB President, General Secretary and some other JUAAB members were also present in this occasion.



#### JUAAB Organize Hiroshima and Nagashaki day followed by Iftar party

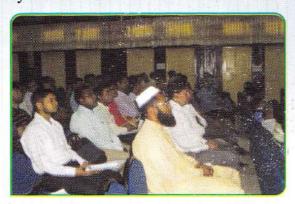
JUAAB also thinking to work with other Alumni Association of Japan and as a matter of fact this year JUAAB observed Hiroshima and Nagashaki day 6th August, 2013 in collaboration with Bangladesh JSPS Alumni Association. JUAAB and JSPS EC members, general members and some invited guests were present in this auspicious program. Video show on Hiroshima-Nagasaki tragedy and some poster on 2nd world war were shown in this program. Followed by this program we have also the Iftar party.





#### Monbukagakusho orientation program

An orientation program for MONBUKAGAKUSHO winners in October was organized jointly by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan, at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Auditorium, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215, on 30th August, 2013. Ninety students obtained scholarship in this session to pursue higher studies at different universities of Japan and almost all the students were present in this orientation program. Dr. Farhana Rahman Babli, Education Adviser of Japan Embassy given speech on "Life and Study in Japan" and Dr. Kaosar Afsana given speech on Visa application procedures. Visa application form was distributed among the students and some students were registered for short Japanese Language course. Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi, Second Secretary, Public Affairs & Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh were present as the Guest of Honor in this program. In addition to that, an orientation program was arranged by Japan Embassy on March 16, 2014 at Japan Embassy for the Embassy recommended 9 MONBUKAGAKUSHO winners. Dr. Mirza. Hasanuzzaman of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University was given a speech on "Life and Study in Japan" as the recently backed MONBUKHAGAKUSHO fellow.





#### Reception of Mrs. Kazuyo Joha

Bangladesh Ikebana Association arrange a reception party for Mrs. Kazuyo Zoha, on her receiving the "Certificate of Commendation" from the Foreign Minister of Japan in recognition of her enormous contribution for promoting Ikebana in Bangladesh on 14th September 2013 at JUAAB office. BIA EC members were present in this occasion.



#### **JENESYS 2.0 program**

JUAAB recommended five students, Farrhin Nowshad (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)), Khandoker Farrookh Salehin (Jahangirnagar University), Munmun Rahman (North South University), Tasnuva Nuhat Shafin (Dhaka Medical College) and Nafisa Lubaba Khondaker (Mastermind School) to attend the JENESYS 2.0 program in Japan on 8th December to 17th December, 2013.





The 5th National Speech Contest in Japanese Language along with Bengali Cultural performance for the Japanese Nationals

The 5th National Speech Contest in Japanese Language, along with Bengali Cultural Performance for the Japanese Nationals, organized by the Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) and the Japan Foundation in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh and the Japanese Association in Dhaka, was held at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC) Auditorium, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 on 14th February 2014, Mr. Hiroyuki Minami, Minister, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest in this program. Initial screening was performed for Japanese Language speech contest and twelve (12) contestants were selected for final contest. Fariha Ahmed obtained 1st position; second two contestants (Md. Habibur Rahman secured 2nd position and Rashedul Alam secured 3rd position) were selected to attend the SUFJUAA Japanese Language speech contest hold on 21st March, 2014 in Bangladesh. Due to age limitation first position was not recommended.

Bengali Cultural Performance was also arranged on the same day for Japanese Nationals. Maya Takada (Dance), Mrs. Rie Shinto (Dance), Akira Ota (Speech), Kuniaki Okabayashi (Song), Junko Okabayashi and Sayaka Watanabe performed in this event.





Forth National Ikebana Contest and Ikebana Demonstration, along with Japanese Tea Ceremony

The 4th National Ikebana Contest and Ikebana Demonstration, along with Japanese Tea Ceremony, were organized by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Auditorium, New Airport Road, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 on 22nd February. H. E. Mr. Shiro SADOSHIMA, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, was present as the Chief Guest in this program. Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA) and the Japan Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JBCCI) acted as the co-organizer. In this contest Ms. Israt Zahan obtained 1st position, Mrs. Khaleda Islam obtained 2nd position and Dr. Farhana Rahman Babli obtained 3rd position. Ikebana demonstration was performed by Mrs. Shamsun Nahar Hossain, Prof. Monowara Islam and Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi. Ikebana display was performed by Ms. Dil Rowshon Akhtary, Mrs. Shahinoor Baby and Mrs. Razia Zaher. Tea ceremony demonstration was performed by Ms. Nahoko Sako and Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi.





#### Meeting with JASSO delegates

JASSO delegates Ms. Okada and Mr. Shimizu visited JUAAB office on 8th March 2014 along with Mr. Ryojii Tsuge. Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan, President of

JUAAB and Prof. Dr. M. A. M. Yahia Khandoker, General Secretary of JUAAB were present in this occasion. A fruitful discussion on current situation of Bangladeshi students studying in Japan and further development of collaboration was also held.

# Education seminar at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and North South University (NSU)

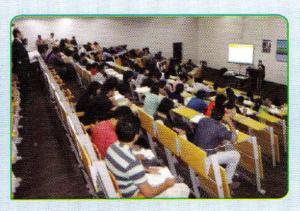


Embassy of Japan arranged the Education seminar in collaboration with JASSO and JUAAB at Bangladesh University of Technology (BUET) on 08 March, 2014 and at North South University on 09 March, 2014. About 400 participants were present in BUET seminar and more than 200 participants were present in NSU seminar. Dr. Md. Shakhawat Hossain Firoz, Life Member of JUAAB made a power point presentation on "Study in Japan as a foreign student" at BUET and Dr. Abu Sadeque Md. Selim, Life member of JUAAB delivered a speech on "Life and Study in Japan" at NSU.



## Seminar with the Japanese Language Teacher

Japanese Language Teacher's Seminar was held on 14th March 2014 at JUAAB office. Ms. Mayu Takada delivered lectures on "Japanese Language book". Mr. Ryoji Tsuge, Head of Public Affairs & Cultural Section of Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest in this program. A total of 10 9ten) Japanese Language Teacher's of Bangladesh were present in this seminar.





#### Forth SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese Language and SAFJUAA meeting

Today we are organizing 4th SAFJUAA Speech Contest in Japanese Language in collaboration

with Japan Foundation and Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh. We are proud that Honorable Education Minister, Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP present here as the Chief Guest and H.E. Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh is present as the Special Guest in this auspicious program.

#### Forth Social gathering

We are expecting to organize 4th Social gathering on 22nd March, 2014 at Thai-Chi Restaurant, 117/A Old Airport Road (near Bijoy Saroni). JUAAB General Members along with their family members, recently returned graduates from Japanese universities and JENESYS short & 2.0 program representative participants are expecting to attend this program. JENESYS short & 2.0 program participants will have their experience power point presentation in this program.

#### Visitors attended at JUAAB office

Some Japanese Language School visited JUAAB office on the month of January and February, 2014. General Secretary of JUAAB and course coordinator of JUAAB Language School was present. A fruitful discussion on further development of collaboration was held in this meeting.

#### JUAAB Welfare Foundation and permanent office space

To enhance JUAAB's ability to make it self sustaining, a JUAAB Welfare Foundation (JUAAB-WEF) is planning to form. The Foundation is expected to raise the fund from the donation of individuals and organizations. The Foundation shall be run by the by-laws developed by the JUAAB Executive Committee. To make JUAAB as the self sustaining body we have planed to buy a permanent office space at Shyamoli, Plot No. 27/1/B, Dhaka.

#### JUAAB Executive Committee (EC) meetings

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 to several special EC meetings were also held. Thus, a total of 6 (six) EC meetings were conducted during last one year.

I am thankful to our honorable advisors for their valuable suggestions and cooperation. Thanks and gratitude to all 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. Thanks all of you.

### Executive Committee of JUAAB for the Term 'April 2013 - March 2015'



Prof. Dr. Md. Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan President



Prof. Dr. Nazma Shaheen Senior Vice-President



Prof. Dr. A F M Saiful Islam Vice-President



Prof. Dr. M. A. M. Yahia Khandoker General Secretary



Prof. Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam Treasurer



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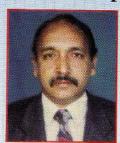
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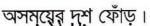


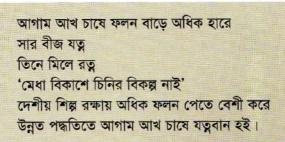
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