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Japan's Disaster - We are shocked and we mourn

"On Friday March 11th 2011, Japan was struck by a catastrophic earthquake, followed by a devastating tsunami. This set off a chain of unimaginable events that have shocked the watching world."

Radiation from damaged nuclear plants has added to the problems, affecting relief efforts and straining limited relief resources with additional demands. The situation is extremely challenging.

We are shocked and sad to see what has been happening now in Japan. This earthquake, followed by a catastrophic tsunami, was the worst ever witnessed in Japan's history. The casualties are too many to count.....

May God bless the souls of those who passed away, and give strength to their families! We hope that the worst part is over, and that Japan will stand strong once again.

People of Bangladesh and all the members of JUAAB always extend their hands to overcome this devastating situation of Japan."



OBITUARY

JUAAB expresses heart-felt condolence on the sudden demise of its Veteran Member- Dr. Md. Habibur Rahman on 18 February, 2011. We pray for eternal peace of the departed soul. Dr. Md. Habibur Rahman got Ph.D Degrees from Kumamoto University, Japan. He was life member, JUAAB and Professor of Pharmacy Department, University of Dhaka.



OBITUARY

JUAAB expresses heart-felt condolence on the sudden demise of its Veteran Member- Dr. Apala Farhat Naved on 18 February, 2011. We pray for eternal peace of the departed soul. Dr. Apala Farhat Naved got Ph.D Degrees from Kagoshima University, Japan. She was general member, JUAAB and Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Department, University of Dhaka.





Dr. Chowdhury Moin Jan

I am accompanied with pain remembering those people who have died after the disastrous earthquake followed by terrifying tsunami in Japan on 11th March 2011. Japan is in a big crisis after these natural disasters along with the threat of nuclear radio-activity as four nuclear plants are also affected due to these disasters. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to those workers who are risking their lives to overcome from these problems. Already 15,000 people have died and another 20,000 people are missing so far after the tsunami. It has been a great emotional blow to myself and for all the JUAAB members as we are very grateful for all the love and affection we have received from Japan. I am praying whole heartedly to Almighty for the people of Japan.

On the occasion of the 10th Annual General Meeting I want to thank all members for all the help and cooperation to make JUAAB better and better. This is my last published newsletter as Research and Publication secretary of JUAAB executive committee 2009-2011. After the foundation in 2000 JUAAB has played many significant roles to contribute both Japan and Bangladesh, like arranging Japanese language course, Ikebana & dry flower making course, International mother language day, Hiroshima-Nagasaki day, education seminar, Monbukagakusho orientation, Japan trade fair, SAFJUA, National speech contest in Japanese language etc. Also to be mentioned that we have received membership of "Sakura Network" for 5 years and "Grass-root level cultural grant" for upgrading the facilities of its Japanese language school. Last year JUAAB Organized the occasion of the Recently returned graduates from Japanese Universities with the cooperation of Japan Embassy. Finally JUAAB member's directory has been published in 2010.

I gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Embassy of Japan to Bangladesh. Special thanks to His Excellency Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and Mr. Hiroshi Omura, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan. Heartiest thanks to Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, president JUAAB and JUAAB Executive Committee for preparing this directory.

This time the 10th general meeting is going to be held on 27th March 2011 (Sunday) at 5:30 p.m. at the Dilkusha Hall of Hotel Purbani International. Also I would like to express my special gratitude to all the members of last executive committee (2009-2011) for their sincere activities for making JUAAB a better and useful academy and to make the bond stronger between Japan and Bangladesh. A new committee is going to be formed soon. I hope they will take JUAAB at a higher level and will bring more and more success which will be an inspiration and example for the future.

At last I would like to extend my heart-felt condolence and sympathy to the government of Japan and I pray to Almighty for all the people of Japan so that they could overcome early from this difficult situation.

Dr. Chowdhury Moin Jan
Research & Publication Secretary, JUAAB



Prof. Dr. A. B. M. Obaidul Islam

On the occasion of 10th AGM of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB), I like to take privilege to offer thanks to all of you. Another year has flown by JUAAB with full energy to put forward JUAAB activities. JUAAB is an organization of an assorted group of people from various disciplines and professions, who have acquired academic degree from different Japanese Universities and now play a pivotal role in national development. Various activities have been implemented in the last period. Now I will try to give short description of the major activities carried out by JUAAB during the last one year.

(1) Grass Root Project Handing Over Ceremony

JUAAB applied for a grant for modernization of the Japanese language classrooms, purchasing the books and PC with multimedia facilities, and other related education auxiliary equipments under the grass root program of MOFA. JUAAB has been awarded the grant for the project. A grass root project handing over ceremony was organized in the JUAAB office on 24th March 2010. H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest at the ceremony and handed over the grant.

(2) AGM, Cultural Program & Annual Dinner

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of JUAAB was held on 27th March 2010 at Hotel Purbani International, Dilkusha, Dhaka, as many as 102 members of JUAAB attended the AGM. H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest at the Annual Dinner. The Meeting was presided over by Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, president of JUAAB. The March 2010 issue of the JUAAB newsletter was published on that day.

(3) Ikebana Certificate Giving Ceremony

Ikebana certificate giving ceremony was held on 29th May 2010 and 19th February at JUAAB office. Mr. Hiroshi Omura, Head, Cultural and Information Section, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion.

(4) Japan Foundation's Seminar

Japan Foundation's Seminar was held on 12th June 2010 at JUAAB office. Ms. Kyoko Suzuki delivered a lecture on "Development of Japanese Language Education and Aim of New JLPT". Dr. A K M Moazzem Hussain, the President of JUAAB presided over the seminar and Mr. Hiroshi Omura, Embassy of Japan was present as Chief Guest on the occasion.

(5) Farewell of Ms. Yoshie Aihara

A farewell party of Ms. Yoshie Aihara, Deputy Head (outgoing), Cultural and Information Section, Embassy of Japan and to welcome Mr. Hideki Igawa, Deputy Head (new),

Cultural and Information Section, Embassy of Japan was arranged at JUAAB office on 22nd July 2010.

(6) Short Course (of Japanese Language) Certificate Giving Ceremony

Japanese language short course certificate giving ceremonies were held in JUAAB office on 29th April 2010, 31st July 2010, 14th December, 2010 and 19th February, 2011.

(7) Monbukagakusho Orientation Seminar

A Monbukagakusho orientation seminar was organized jointly by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan, at Shaheed Munir Chowdhury Auditorium, TSC, Dhaka University on 29th August 2010. Sixty six (66) students have received the scholarship to pursue their higher studies at different Universities in Japan. The Embassy of Japan distributed the visa form among the grantees. Dr. Hasina Ferdousi, Education Advisor of the Embassy of Japan and Mr. Hiroshi Omura, Embassy of Japan was present on the occasion.

(8) Graduates Gathering

A gathering of JUAAB members along with the recently returned graduates from Japanese Universities was held at Shaheed Nurul Amin Khan Memorial Multipurpose Hall, BIAM Complex, Dhaka on 4th November 2010 under the joint courtesy of JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan. Two participants of the JENESYS and two recently returned graduates delivered their speeches on the occasion. H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest on the occasion.

(9) N-4 and N-5 Certificate Giving Ceremony

N-4 and N-5 level of Japanese language certificate giving ceremony was held in JUAAB office on 14th December 2010.

(10) Second National Speech Contest in Japanese Language & Prize Giving Ceremony

Second National Speech Contest in Japanese Language was held on 28th January 2011 at Lakeshore hotel, Gulshan. H. E Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest. Mr. Tomonari Tanabe, Japan Foundation, Mr. Hiroshi Omura, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, Mr. Hideki Igawa, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh and Dr. Takao Toda of JICA Bangladesh, were the judges on that contest. A prize giving ceremony on the speech contest was held after the contest. The contest was held in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh and the Japanese Association in Dhaka.

(11) Japan Foundation's Seminar

A seminar on new JLPT system was held at JUAAB office on 29th January 2011. Mr. Tomonari Tanabe, Education Adviser, Japan Foundation delivered a lecture on the 'Development of Japanese Education for More Communicative Approach' on the occasion.

(12) First National Ikebana Contest and Demonstration

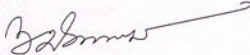
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Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest. Mrs. Noriko Tanada of Japanese Association Dhaka, Mrs. Monowara Islam, President of Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA), Mrs. Shamsun Hossain, Vice-President, BIA and Mr. Hiroshi Omura, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, were the judges on that contest. A prize giving ceremony on the Ikebana contest was held after the contest. The contest was held in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh and the Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JBCCI).

(13) Newsletters

Two newsletters were published in this tenure year.

I am thankful to our honorable advisors for their valuable suggestions and cooperation. Thanks and gratitude to all E.C 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. Thank you all the honorable members of JUAAB.



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JUAAB COURSES

Japanese Language Courses :

- 6-month long Course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-5) and also to continue higher level courses and higher studies in Japan.
(Classes: 3 days a week; Fees: Tk. 12,000/-).
- 6-month long Course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-4).
(Classes: 3 days a week; Fees: Tk. 12,000/-).
- 3-month Short Course (3 times a year) for those willing to learn the basic conversation.
(Fees: Tk. 5,000/-).
- 3-month Orientation Course for the Mombukagakusho Scholarship Awardees.

Ikebana and Dry Flower Making Course :

The class is held on Saturday, 10:00-11:30 Ikebana and 11:30-01:00 Dry Flower Making. The Course Fee is Tk. 4,500/- for three months.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditure Statement, March 2010 to February 28, 2011



Prof. Dr. Afzal Hossain Bachchu

Particulars	Amount (Tk.)	
Income	28-02-2011	28-02-2010
Bank Interest	114	127
Donation Received from Japan Embassy	2,054,777	2,840,786
Fixed Asset Sales	400	-
Income from Book Sales	2,310	6,665
Income from Seminar & Cultural Events	5,250	-
Interest form FDR	107,333	425,871
Japanese Language & other Course Fees	1,039,650	1,107,163
Membership Fees	228,100	43,400
Miscellaneous Income	12,220	6,150
Total	3,450,154	4,430,162
Expenditure		
Course Expenses	729,247	605,372
Honorarium	30,000	106,650
Loss on Sales of Assets	6,043	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,681	6,312
Office Expenses	1,109,933	1,588,497
Seminar & Cultural Events	513,559	391,070
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,059,691	1,732,261
Total	2,390,463	2,697,901

Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

As at February 28, 2011

PROPERTY & ASSETS	28.02.2011	28.02.2010
Non-Current Assets:	3,378,089	1,924,043
Fixed Assets	733,056	586,343
Investment on FDR	2,645,033	1,337,700
Current Assets	1,569,510	1,953,865
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,389,510	1,773,865
Securities Deposit- Office Rent	180,000	180,000
	4,947,599	3,877,908
FUND AND LIABILITIES:		
Accumulated Fund	4,937,599	3,877,908
Balance as on 31.12.2010	3,877,908	2,145,647
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,059,691	1,732,261
Current Liabilities and Provision	10,000	-
Provision for Audit Fees	10,000	-
Accounts Payable	-	-
	4,947,599	3,877,908

The accounting policies and other notes form and integral part of the financial statements.

Prof. Dr. Afzal Hossain Bachchu
Treasurer, JUAAB

JUAAB ACTIVITIES



Social gathering and recently returned graduates from Japanese University at BIAM auditorium, Dhaka



First National Ikebana demonstration and contest at hotel Lake shore, Gulshan, Dhaka



Second National Speech contest at hotel Lake shore, Gulshan, Dhaka

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