

## Message from the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh



*Embassy of Japan  
in Bangladesh*

It is a delight for me to send a message on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of JUAAB.

For the past 16 years since its establishment, JUAAB has played a significant role in promoting and strengthening the bilateral ties between Bangladesh and Japan. Our two countries have been enjoying excellent relations through a wide range of collaborations and exchanges not only in the diplomatic and economic fronts, but also in various fields spanning across higher education, research, culture and the arts.

In this regard, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to JUAAB and its members for their efforts especially in educational and cultural exchanges for all these years. With your profound professional knowledge, skills and your first-hand experiences brought back from Japan, I believe that all of you hold special keys to unlock potential doors and opportunities to further advance our relations.

Lastly, I welcome JUAAB's initiative and effort in making it a self-sustaining body. I sincerely hope you will further continue to extend your valuable contribution and make JUAAB ever more lively society.

Masato Watanabe  
Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh

## Message from the President of JUAAB



The 8<sup>th</sup> JUAAB EC is going to complete her assigned term of 2-years in March 2017 with many success and accomplishments. The most significant one is her forward movement towards self-reliance. Little by little, through one step and then another, JUAAB has now been able to stand on her own feet. Starting with a near-crore assets at the beginning of the term, we have been able to double the assets by this end. We have already taken the possession of JUAAB apartment in Shaymoli Apon Heights, that brings in substantial monthly cash return. We are in the pipeline of purchasing another office space of about 2000 ft<sup>2</sup> to make the total space of about 3000 ft<sup>2</sup>, to accommodate all of our academic and administrative programs and socio-cultural activities. JUAAB Language School has been running very good and our language students are scoring best in the JLPT (Nihongo Noriyuko Shiken) among the language schools of the country. We have successfully organized Japanese Language Speech Contests for consecutive years and our contestants scored very very good in SAFJUAAB speech contests. These all have been made possible by the sincere and transparent efforts of the 8<sup>th</sup> EC and supports of the JUAAB general members, along with the supports from the Embassy of Japan in Dhaka.

In our modest journey to self-reliance, the Embassy of Japan remained with us with full-heart support. In spite of economic recessions and internal budget short-cuts, the Embassy still continues office rent and staff salary supports. I would like to take the privilege of expressing my heart-felt appreciation and thankfulness to the Embassy for all these kind supports. I am also thankful to the members of JUAAB for supporting us throughout the term.

Our out-going term has experienced many hurdles and shortcomings as well. It came to us as a blow when the terrorists in Holly Artisan Restaurant heinously killed, among twenty four others, seven innocent beloved Japanese nationals, who were solely involved in our infra-structure development. The incident had forced the JUAAB and the Embassy to curtail many programmes. JUAAB immediately condemned the cowardly attack on innocent people and expressed condolences to the victims but, for obvious reasons, its effect continues in terms of curtailing programs or restricted appearance of the valued Embassy personnel in public. We are very unfortunate that we could not get H.E. the Ambassador of Japan and other diplomats today with us in the AGM, perhaps for the same reason. I sincerely hope that, with our sincere collective efforts, we shall overcome all such hurdles and shortcomings and reestablish tranquility, harmony, fearlessness and peace in the society.

Lastly, I admire the 8<sup>th</sup> EC for their hard work and success and salute the alumni who are, by their works and endeavors, very passionately contributing towards peace keeping and nation building.

Professor Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam  
President, JUAAB





On the occasion of 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB), I would like to express my great indebtedness, heart-felt thanks and sincere appreciation to all of you. As we all believe and are working to ascertain the beauty that the JUAAB is an organization of an assorted group of people from various disciplines and professions, who have acquired highest academic degrees from different Japanese Universities and now been playing pivotal roles in national development of Bangladesh. Perceiving into the history, another year has flown after 15<sup>th</sup> AGM of JUAAB which was held at 'Krishibid Institution (KIB) 3D Seminar Hall, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 with full energy and vigor to put forward JUAAB activities. Various activities have been done during the passing year. Now, I shall try to give a short description of the major activities carried out by the JUAAB team under the supervision of Executive Committee during last one year.

#### (1) 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of JUAAB

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on March 18, 2016 at Krishibid Institution (KIB) 3D Seminar Hall, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 at 6:30 PM. A total of 115 (one hundred fifteen) JUAAB members and personal from Japan Embassy were present in the meeting. Mr. Takeshi Matsunaga, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh attended the Annual dinner as Chief Guest.

#### (2) Activities of Japanese Language School of JUAAB

JUAAB is running a Japanese Language School with two courses of which long course for 6 months and a short course for 3 months. From March 2016 to February 2017, 6 long courses of level 5 and 10 short courses one six months course of level 4 were completed successfully. A new course of Level-4 has started from January, 2017 along with level 5 and short course. For accommodation of increase number students and for new course of Level-4, JUAAB EC has rented a space for class room and recruited one Native Japanese Teacher. After the ending of each course certificates were distributed through a ceremonial event. Audience will be happy to know that in JLPT Exam the students of JUAAB Japanese Language school passing more in

compare to the students of other Japanese Language school in Bangladesh.

#### (3) Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

Being authorized by the Japan Foundation (through the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh), JUAAB conducts JLPT (Japanese



JLPT Orientation

Language Proficiency Test) in the month of July and December every year. Unfortunately due to unavoidable circumstances Japan Foundation postponed the JLPT exam of July 2016. Participants from all Japanese Language School in Bangladesh take part in this test. JLPT Exam-2016 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

#### (4) Visitors Attended at JUAAB Office

Representative from some Japanese Language Schools of Japan visited JUAAB office in the month of February, March, June, 2016 and February, 2017. Among them are Mr. Shinoda Koichi, representative from Higashi Asia Nihongo Gakko in Japan and Mr. Satoshi Representative from FSG College League Japan. General Secretary of JUAAB and course coordinator of JUAAB Language School welcomed them and a fruitful discussion was held between them on further improvement of Japanese Language Course and for collaboration. As JUAAB is maintaining an appropriate procedures in Japanese Language teaching such as syllabus, teaching tools, listening materials in course examinations process so they showed intend to accept students from JUAAB School. Initiative has been taken to develop MOU between JUAAB and Japanese Language institutions.

#### (5) Seminar with the Japanese Language Teachers

A Seminar was held on improvement of Japanese Language Teaching proficiency on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at JUAAB office. All Japanese Language Teachers working in Japanese Language School in Bangladesh participated. A key note was presented on "Japanese Language" by the JICA JOCV Volunteer teacher Ms. Fumi Ebisawa. Ms. Masako Saito, Deputy Head of the Public affairs & Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan was also present in the seminar.

#### (6) AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA)

The 7<sup>th</sup> AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association was held on 4 June 2016 at Meghna Auditorium of Women's Volunteer Association (WVA), Dhanmondi. Ms. Rumi Ariyoshi, the than Head of the Public affairs & Cultural Section of the Embassy of Japan was present as the Chief Guest in the occasion. Life Patron of BIA, Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, BIA President, Mrs. Razia Sultana Secretary General, Ms. Sonia Razzaque and some other members and guests were present in the occasion. BIA open a new Ikebana school at Mirpur on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

#### (7) Monbukagakusho Information

All information about the visa and other process for MONBUK-AGAKUSHO



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awardees who awarded through direct communication to professors of different university of Japan. Were informed over telephone and email from the JUAAB office. One Hundred twenty seven students obtained scholarship in October 2016 session to pursue higher studies at different universities of Japan. In addition to that, an orientation program was arranged by Japan Embassy on March 09, 2017 at Japan Embassy premises for the Embassy recommended 10 MONBUKAGAKUSHO awardees. Dr. Kamrun Nahar, Recently graduated from Japan gave a speech on "Life style in Japan".

#### 8) Education seminar at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017

An education seminar was held in collaboration of JUAAB and Japan Embassy at the Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University Auditorium. About 200 participants (Students) were present in the education seminar. Dr. Kamrun Nahar, member of JUAAB made a power point presentation on "Study in Japan as a foreign student". Dr. Mizanur Rahman member of JUAAB EC were present this seminar. The seminar was well organized and successful under supervision of Treasurer of JUAAB Prof. Noor Md. Rahmatullah.

#### (9) Welcome lunch and Dinner and Experience sharing program

A Welcome lunch party was arranged by the honorable

Ambassador in his residence on May 12, 2016 in the honour of graduates who returned September 2015. All members of executive committee of JUAAB also were invited. In the same day, an experience sharing program held by the collaboration of JUAAB and Japan Study Centre of University of Dhaka in the RC Mozumder Auditorium under the supervision of Japan Embassy.

#### (10) The 8<sup>th</sup> National Speech Contest in Japanese Language

As per announcement, 8<sup>th</sup> National speech contest in Japanese Language were conducted. A preliminary contest for short-listing of candidates was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at JUAAB office General Secretary, Professor Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam, JUAAB Adviser Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain and some EC and General members of JUAAB were present. Out of 33 applicants, 13 contestants were selected for final speech contest. Japanese Language Experts Mrs. Eiko Hussain and Mrs. Tamie Rahman, acted as the judges for preliminary speech contest. Final National speech contest was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at 'NASCENT GARDENIA' Baridhara, Dhaka. JUAAB President, Prof. Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam, Dr. Sheikh Aleemuzzaman and Ms. Machiko Yamamura acted as the judges. Md. Fuad Hassan Talukder, Md. Rasel were the joint champion and Zahura Chowdhury obtained third position in the contest. As per rules top two contestants Md. Fuad Hassan Talukder and Md. Rasel were elected to participate in the upcoming SAFJUAAB speech contest to be held in Pakistan. Crest and certificate was given to winners up to third position and certificate of participation was given to all participants.

#### (11) JUAAB permanent Office space

JUAAB already purchased a suitable permanent office space from Shamsul Alamin Real Estate Ltd. The space is located in, Alamin Apon Heights, Plot No. 27/1/B, Shyamoli, Dhaka. It is not yet registered.

#### (12) Publication of JUAAB News

Like previous years JUAAB have published a News Letter covering the all JUAAB activities and informations of the financial year 2016-2017.

#### (13) Financial status of JUAAB

JUAAB Treasurer would have been very much prepared to present the audit report to the house of the AGM in detail.

#### (14) Executive Committee (EC) meeting

JUAAB EC always tried their best to do the work with highest sense of responsibility and transparency. Generally as per provision, in each of 3 (three) months, 2 (two) EC meetings were conducted, in addition several special EC meetings also held. Total of 9 (Nine) EC meetings were conducted during last one year for smooth conduction of JUAAB Activities. Several meeting also held with Embassy officials for strengthening relation

between JUAAB and Japan Embassy.

#### (15) SAFJUAAB Meeting and Speech contest held in Kathmandu, Nepal 15-16, July 2016

President of JUAAB, Professor Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam attended the meeting as representative from JUAAB. Two candidates participated in the speech contest one of them Ms. Farzana Hasib who learned Japanese Language in JUAAB Japanese Language School stood second in the competition.



8<sup>th</sup> National Speech Contest

#### (16) JUAAB Election-2017

As per constitution Election for next term (April 2017- March 2019) was held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at JUAAB office. Election commission was formed as per constitution. Commission conducted the election successfully and they declared the new EC committee through proper way. They will introduce the new committee today in this AGM.

Professor Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam  
General Secretary, JUAAB



#### JUAAB COURSES

##### Japanese Language Courses:

Six- month long course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-5, N-4) and also to continue higher level courses and higher studies in Japan  
Classes: 3 days a week, Fees TK. 20,000/-

Three month short courses (3 times a year) for those willing to learn the basic conversation. Fees TK. 10,000/-

##### Ikebana and Dry Flower making courses:

The classes are held on Saturday, 10:30 am for Ikebana and 11:30 am to 01:00 pm for Dry Flower Making.

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



# Editorial



The Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB) is an organization of the professionals of mercantile disciplines. The main objectives of JUAAB is to make a connective bridge and to build relationship among the Alumni from Japanese University with the all kinds of people in Bangladesh specially the people who are interested about Japanese people, culture, education and society. News letter of this organization is performing the pioneer role to introducing its activities and the member with other persons having interest on Japan. Hope this issue will make relation among all the stakeholders as it reflects our images to make an impact in viewing JUAAB'S ongoing and upcoming activities.

The current executive committee whole heartedly leading JUAAB by incorporating the view of the Alumni and successfully and regularly organizes all the events offered by Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh and the events of its own. To familiarize Japanese cultures, education, social value and practices, the organization regularly arranges Japanese language courses and other socio-cultural events. JUAAB is now a well-known organization to the people of all clusters of Bangladesh. The office bearers of this organization are giving suggestions and other related services to the students and peoples whom are interested to go the Japan for study and other purposes. The Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh is playing the annotating role to keep the process visible and active and continues the process of returnees to contribute the society of Bangladesh as well as JUAAB with fresh and modern ideas and knowledge.

We request all Alumni to participate actively and make JUAAB the most successful organization in Bangladesh.

We express our heartiest thanks and gratitude to H.E. Mr. Masato Watanabe, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Japanese Embassy officers and staffs, Alumni, our honorable advisors as well as EC leaders and above all JUAAB office staffs for their cordial cooperation, guidance and suggesting to publish this newsletter.

Prof. Dr. Mohd. Muzibur Rahman  
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