

Message from Ambassador Hiroyasu Izumi



Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh

I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to you all for organizing the 18th Annual General Meeting of the Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh.

I am happy to recall that all the events co-organized by JUAAB and the Japanese Embassy, including 'Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)' in last July and December, the '10th National Speech Contest for Japanese Language' in February, and the 'Study in Japan Seminar 2019' at Jahangirnagar University in March were huge success. I believe that your passion and strong intention to promote the Japanese culture, language and education have encouraged many young Bangladeshi people to learn more about Japan. I would like to share that 122 Bangladeshi students were awarded government-funded MEXT scholarship last year, and there are approximately 4,800 Bangladeshi people learning Japanese language, and the number is still growing. I hope that more and more Bangladeshi youth will be interested in Japanese culture, language as well as MEXT scholarship.

Lastly, I would like to appreciate JUAAB members' tremendous effort and achievement of your activities. I sincerely hope that JUAAB will continue its valuable contribution to cultural exchanges between Japan and Bangladesh and help to bring our two peoples even closer.

Hiroyasu Izumi
Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh

Message from the President of JUAAB



As an organization, JUAAB has come up with achieving an esteemed position, not only through strengthening bondage and friendship between Japan and Bangladesh, but also in mobilizing resource towards self-sustenance. As you all know, and would be very proud with me, that JUAAB office has been shifting to her newly owned office premises with a 4,000 ft² commercial space purchased from DOM-INNO in the mouth of Indira Road, neighboring with giant super shop AGORA, just opposite to KIB Bhaban in Farmgate, Dhaka. It is a huge involvement from the part of JUAAB and achievement for all of the general members, EC members, advisers, partners and other stakeholders bilaterally involved with. On the eve of JUAAB's 18th AGM, I would like to congratulate our valued members and partners for owning such a magnificent asset. We can now accommodate in it JUAAB language school, administrative office, conference hall and other sections as per need. It is so huge space that from next year, we shall organize our AGM here. My sincere gratefulness to our EC members, who generously worked hard up-lifting the JUAAB in such a high altitude.

JUAAB has been more vibrant and active than ever before, our language school program has been running with quality and pride, under the leadership of a dynamic principal and dedicated teaching staffs. Unlike to other language institutions, our students are coming from different classes and corners with different academic backgrounds. But due to good management employed, the school has proved to be one of the best Japanese language learning institutions in the country.

Dear valued alumni, you all know that JUAAB is a voluntary organization. Our EC committee for 2017-19 is going to finish its tenure from tomorrow. In this dignified solemn occasion, standing before the august gathering, supporters and well-wishers, I would like to thank my dynamic colleagues - the EC members, who spent their valuable times and money, depriving their families and societies, hampering personal/ professional business, for the wellbeing of JUAAB. I am also very thankful to his Excellency Mr. Hiroyasu Izumi - the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh for his generous support. My thanks to Advisory Committee as well for valuable supports in different issues and to the Election Commission for conducting a nice election. Finally I congratulate our newly elected EC committee and sincerely wish and hope that they could further flourish JUAAB in achieving my dream - developing a JUAAB University cum Cultural Complex. In this mega-trip I also be with them with my whole heart and physic. I tell you, achieving such dream is not difficult by the JUAAB. Because, sincerity and honesty is our strength and most of all, Almighty Allah is with us.

Professor Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam
President, JUAAB



General Secretary's Report 29 March 2019

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On the occasion of 18th 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 17th AGM of JUAAB which was held at 'Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management (BIAM) Foundation Auditorium, 63 New Eskaton, Dhaka, 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) 17th Annual General meeting of JUAAB

The 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 9th Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on March 23, 2018 at Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management (BIAM) Foundation Auditorium, 63 New Eskaton, Dhaka at 6:30 PM. A total of 260 (Two hundred sixty) JUAAB members, guests were present in the meeting.

(2) Activities of Japanese Language School of JUAAB

JUAAB is running a Japanese Language School. From its beginning there



was one long course for 6 months and one short course for 3 months of JLPT Level-5. From March 2018 to February 2019, 6 long courses and 12 short of JLPT level 5 were completed successfully. A new six months course of JLPT Level-4 has started from January, 2018 and by this time two six months course of JLPT level N4 were completed successfully. 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 last year total 650 students were enrolled in JUAAB

language school and in JLPT Exam students of JUAAB Japanese Language school have 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 conducting JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) in the month of July and December every year. Students from all Japanese Language School in Bangladesh take part in this test. JLPT Exam-2018 was held on 1st July and 8th December. JUAAB Members of different institutions was selected as proctor and assistant proctor to conduct this examination.

(4) Visitors Attended at JUAAB Office

Representative from some Japanese Language Schools of Japan visited JUAAB office in the month of February, March, November, 2018 and January, 2019. Among them are Mr. Sumita, representative from Kyoto Minsia Japanese Language School in Japan and Mr. Satoshi Representative from FSG College of 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 procedure in Japanese Language teaching such as syllabus, teaching tools, listening materials in course examinations process so they showed intention to accept students from JUAAB School for higher study in Japan. Initiative has been taken to develop MOU between JUAAB and Japanese Language institutions.

(5) AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA)

The 9th AGM of Bangladesh Ikebana Association was held on 30 June 2018 at Gulshan Club, Gulshan. Life Patron of BIA, Prof. Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, BIA President, Mrs. Razia Sultana and some other members and guests were present in the occasion.



(6) MEXT orientation program

An orientation program for MEXT awardees through direct communication to professors of different universities of Japan was organized jointly by JUAAB and the Embassy of Japan. One Hundred twenty two students obtained scholarship in October 2018 session to pursue higher studies at different universities of Japan. In addition to that, an orientation program was arranged by Japan Embassy on March 14, 2019 at Japan Embassy premises for the Embassy recommended 10 MEXT awardees. Dr. Md. Abdus Shabur Talukder, Recently graduated from Japan gave a speech on "Life style in Japan".

(7) Education seminar at Zahir Raihan Auditorium, Jahangirnagar University

An education seminar was held in collaboration of JUAAB and Japan Embassy at the Jahangirnagar University, Zahir Raihan Auditorium on 11th March 2019. About 150 participants (Students) were present in the education seminar. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Muzibur Rahman and Prof. Dr.

Mohammed Abdullah Khan from JUAAB EC were present this seminar. Professor A. A. Mamun, Department of Physics, Jahangirnagar University delivered his welcome speech. Dr. Md. Awlad Hossain, Department of Chemistry and Dr. Rokhsan-Ara-Hemel, Department of Mathematics, Associate Professor of JU made a power point presentation on "Study in Japan as a foreign student". Dr. Kaosar Afsana, Education Adviser of Japan Embassy gave a presentation on Japanese Government Scholarship. The seminar was well organized and successfully completed under the supervision of JUAAB member Prof. Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Khan.

(8) Lunch party at Ambassador Residence

A lunch party was arranged by the honorable Ambassador in his residence on February 27, 2019. JUAAB General Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Vice President, Vice President, EC members and Past Chairman of advisory Council and some recently returned graduates were invited on that party. A fruitful discussion was held with honorable Ambassador about the present and future planning of JUAAB activities.

(9) The 10th National Speech Contest in Japanese Language

10th National speech contest in Japanese Language of Bangladeshi contestants was held on 16th February, 2019 at 'NASCENT GARDENIA' Baridhara, Dhaka. A preliminary contest for short-listing of candidates was held on 8th February, 2019 at JUAAB office under the supervision of President Professor Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam and language course coordinator Prof. Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, some EC and General members of JUAAB were present on that program. 15 contestants were selected for final speech contest. Japanese Language Experts Mrs. Eiko Hussain, Ms. Machiko Yamamura, Ms. Tomori Mai acted as the judges for preliminary speech contest. In the Final National speech contest, H.E. Mr. Hiroyasu Izumi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh were present as chief guest. In the Judges panel we were honored to have Mr. Masahiko Shimamura, Principal of Japanese School, Mr. Daisuke Arai from Japanese Commerce & Industry Association in Dhaka, Mr. Daisuke Masushio and Mr. Shohei Terada from Embassy of Japan. 5 Japanese cooperates sponsor this event, namely, Grameen UNIQLO, Japanese Restaurant Nagasaki, Nissenken Quality Evaluation Center, Rohto Mentholum Bangladesh and Japanese Commerce and Industry Association. They have provided beautiful prizes for the contestants and the winners, JUAAB is grateful for their generous support. Ambassador Medal, Japanese Dictionary, educational tools and certificate was given to First, Second and Third position and certificate of participation was given to all others participants. Ms. Machiko Yamamura, Head of Public Affairs and Cultural Section of Japan Embassy were also present. Prof. Dr. A K M Nowsad Alam, President of JUAAB presided over the program and Dr. AKM Shameem Alam, Joint Secretary of JUAAB was the master of ceremony. Ms. Firoza Ashrafee awarded 1st, Ms. Anika Begum awarded 2nd and Mr. Nuruzzaman awarded 3rd position in the contest. As per rules top two contestants were elected to participate in the upcoming SAFJUAAB speech contest.

(10) JUAAB permanent Office space

Although JUAAB already purchased a permanent office space of 1138 sf from Shamsul Alamin Real Estate Ltd. at Alamin Apon Heights, Plot No. 27/1/B, Shyamoli, Dhaka. But present JUAAB executive committee felt that for the further development and sustainability of JUAAB it become necessary of a large permanent school and office space. Every member will be happy to know that to fulfil this view JUAAB got a suitable space of 4000sf at Indira road, Farmgate and already purchased from the DOM INNO developer company. This space was handed over on 7th March, 2019 from DOM-INNO. In purchase of this space JUAAB was short fall of Taka one crore. I am mention with honour and gratefulness that is this critical situation Chairman of JUAAB Advisory Council, Prof. Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain come forward to help JUAAB. He gave one crore taka

loan to JUAAB to fulfill the short fall of money and thus the dream of JUAAB come true.

(11) Publication of JUAAB News

Like previous years JUAAB have published a News Letter covering the all JUAAB activities and informations of the financial year 2018-2019.

(12) 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. However, I would like to give you a brief idea on financial matter. In spite of reducing the budget from the Embassy, we have been able to raise funds from different sources like Language school, JLPT Exam, JUAAB Membership fees, etc.

(13) 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 8 (eight) 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.

(14) SAFJUAAB Meeting and Speech contest

According to SAFJUAAB committee decision last year SAFJUAAB general meeting and SAFJUAAB speech contest was proposed to held in Pakistan. But due to complicated procedures of Pakistan embassy JUAAB representative and two contestants failed to attend in that meeting. This year it will be held in Srilanka. Hopefully JUAAB representative

will attend along with two speech contestants.

(15) JUAAB Membership:

JUAAB EC always tried to increase the number of JUAAB Member. EC communicate newly graduate from Japan and offer they to became member of JUAAB. By this way number of life member increase from 392 to 511 in last one year.

Professor Dr. Md. Khorshed Alam
General Secretary, JUAAB



10th National Speech Contest



Representative of JUAAB EC, AC and Recently Returned Graduates with HE Ambassador

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 to 01:00 pm for Ikebana and Dry Flower Making.

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



Editorial

It is our great satisfaction to announce that we have succeeded to publish JUAAB (Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh) 'News Letter'. The view of JUAAB is building friendship among the Bangladeshi graduates awarded degrees from Japanese universities. It is exchanging cultural aroma between Bangladesh and Japan organizing different colorful events in the two countries. It offers regular courses on Japanese language and Ikebana as well as organizing seminars on different occasions in different places in Bangladesh. JUAAB committee has taken initiative to promote cultural exchange among different societies. Even, it has taken initiatives to other South Asian countries for strapping relationship in the banner of south 'Asian Federation of the Japanese Universities Alumni Associations' (SAFJUAA). This year a new Executive Committee (EC) of JUAAB has been elected. Hope new committee of JUAAB will lead SAFJUAA. We trust our publication will make a relation among all the societies and stakeholders as it reflects our images to them to make an impact upon them viewing JUAAB's directory.

JUAAB was established in the year 2000. Only a few editions are published with this new one. If possible it should be published in every alternate month. Hope new EC will take initiative on that matter next.

We wish to express our heartiest gratitude and thanks to His Excellence Mr. Hiroyasu Izumi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, our valued advisors, honorable EC leaders, JUAAB members, Japan Embassy staffs and JUAAB office staffs for their cooperation, guidance, suggestions and all out support to publish it.

Dr. AKM Shameem Alam
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