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Ambassador Ito Naoki's Message for JUAAB AGM News Letter on March 27th



Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh

I am delighted to express my heartfelt felicitations to all the member of JUAAB on the occasion of the 20th AGM of the Japanese Universities Alumni Association of Bangladesh (JUAAB). We are honored to have JUAAB on our side, as its steadfast commitment and hard work have helped us deepen people-to-people interactions and mutual cooperation between our two countries.

For the last two decades, JUAAB and the Japanese Embassy have been working together in organizing flag-ship events such as 'Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)' held in July and December, the 'National Speech Contest for Japanese Language' held February this year, and the 'Study in Japan Seminars'. I am pleased to share that over 129 Bangladeshi students were awarded government-funded MEXT scholarship in 2020, and there are close to 5000 Bangladeshis learning Japanese language in Bangladesh. JUAAB's outreach has encouraged many young people in Bangladesh to grow deep interest about Japan, its people and culture.

COVID-19 has caused fundamental changes in the way we interact and work. It has affected academic activities and cultural exchanges between our two countries. However, during this challenging times, Japan has always been beside Bangladesh to tackle COVID-19 induced crisis. And my sincere hope is that once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, both our countries can come out stronger and look towards a brighter future.

Last but not least, I would like to convey my gratitude to JUAAB for their invaluable effort and achievement. I call upon all members of JUAAB to continue their unstinting contribution to enhance cultural and academic exchanges between Japan and Bangladesh and bring our two peoples even closer.

Ito Naoki
Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh

Message from the President of JUAAB



JUAAB

This is the special Mujib Year as we are celebrating the occasion of the centennial birth anniversary of our great leader of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. On the other hand, on March 26, 2021, Bangladesh also celebrated the half-centenary of its independence. During this historical period, JUAAB has also celebrated 19th AGM and 20th Anniversary of JUAAB in September 2020 in limited extend due to COVID-19 pandemic situation. The COVID-19 outbreak was triggered in December 2019 in the city of Wuhan, China and continues to spread across the world. Although the epicenter of the outbreak was in China, gradually reported throughout the world. COVID-19 poses the significant public health risk and the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a public health emergency of international concern to coordinate international responses to the disease. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, transport being limited and even restricted among the countries as a result global supply chains has disrupted and slowed the global economic activities. COVID-19 pandemic still exists but the activities of the peoples cannot stopped and we are also planning to organize 20th AGM of JUAAB virtually on March 27, 2021.

JUAAB's objective was being conscious of the need for forging and fostering the bonds of friendship and amity between the people of Bangladesh and Japan on exchange of academic knowledge, socio-cultural understanding and mutual appreciation of our age-old heritage. After 21 years, JUAAB has achieved an esteemed position, in not only strengthening bondage and friendship between Japan and Bangladesh, but also in mobilizing resources towards self-sustenance. JUAAB started with a few members but at present, the number of members has risen to 800. Presently, JUAAB has entered into a new era of development in every sphere of its working arenas through harnessing the strength and expertise of JUAAB team and exploring all available resources. With continuous practicing of democratic principles and norms JUAAB has become the symbol of unity and strength that ultimately trigger these developments in a prolific fashion.

JUAAB's Japanese language school has been running with dignity and pride, by the production of quality students, who perform well in JLPT, VISA grabbing, speech contest and admission in Japanese university and Nihongo Gakko. Japanese language learning in the country has got new dimension, because of the mentorship and support of the Japan Ambassador to Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO. Through his generous guidance, National Japanese Speech Contest during this pandemic situation has created lots of interest and enthusiasm among the contestants, while Japanese companies of JCIAD, KCSL, SAITO, Nagasaki Japanese Restaurant, Sumitomo Corporation, NIPPON KOEI, Mizuoh and YKK cosponsored this program. Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon also act as the cosponsor. Japan Embassy's Certificate, Japanese Dictionary and educational tools has given to First, Second and Third position and all participants received the certificate.

JUAAB has been more vibrant now than ever before because JUAAB office has been shifting to its newly owned office premises with a 4,000 square feet commercial space of DOM-IN-NO at 28, Indira Road, Farmgate, Dhaka. We have another 1138 square feet residential space of our own in "Alami Apon Heights", Plot no. 27/1/B, Road-3, Shyamoli, Dhaka. JUAAB got registration from Social Welfare department and we have received the TIN certificate from National Board of Revenue (NBR). In the sailing JUAAB standing on own feet, one step and then another- to a strong footage now, the support of JUAAB members, the Embassy of Japan, Japan Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) are remarkably significant and JUAAB sincerely appreciates all those support. JUAAB is also dreaming to renovate and equip our permanent space with all modern facilities as "Japan Cultural Centre of JUAAB".

JUAAB needs and requests further support from all corners, the alumni, the Embassy and Japan Foundation, to complete its mission of establishing JUAAB as a self-reliant organization.

Thanking you all for your previous, on-going and future support.

Professor Dr. M A M Yahia Khandoker
March 27, 2021



General Secretary's Report



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Dear Alumni of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh

Welcome to you ALL.

Last year was a very difficult year for all of us due to Covid-19 pandemic all over the world. We had to limit our activities due to lock down and other precautions taken to limit the spread of Covid-19. However, as it is said that the show must go on, we continued our activities necessary for the running routine activities of JUAAB. I would like to express my gratitude to the Alumni Executive Committee, Advisory Council members, Office Bearers and all the members of JUAAB for extending their cooperation during this difficult period. Delayed 19th AGM of JUAAB was held virtually through zoom on 26th October, 2020. I would like to summarize our activities after the last AGM in the following paragraphs.

(A) General Information of JUAAB

1) **JUAAB Members:** Due to initiative taken by JUAAB, the number of JUAAB life members is steadily increasing every passing year. Newly graduates from Japan are frequently communicated by JUAAB EC members encouraging them to become the life member of JUAAB. Through this practice, last year 41 life members were added and now total members of JUAAB stood at 893.

(2) **Financial and wealth status and liabilities of JUAAB :** Although JUAAB Treasurer will present detail JUAAB financial report and audit report, I am taking the opportunity to give you a brief financial and wealth status and liabilities of JUAAB.

JUAAB assets:

JUAAB running balance: 890,752 /- Taka in Bank account.

Samoli Apartment = 73,00,000/- Taka;

Indira Road Apartment= 4,00,00000/- Taka

JUAAB liabilities: Loan remaining to pay for Indira Road Apartment= 38,00,000/- Taka

As assistance from Japan Embassy for JUAAB reducing day by day, we have decided to raise the funds from different sources, like Language school, JUAAB Membership fees and other activities to make JUAAB a sustainable organization with its own resources.

(B) JUAAB Activities:

(1) **19th Annual General Meeting of JUAAB:** The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 10th Executive Committee of JUAAB was held on 26th September, 2020 virtually at 6.50 PM. Total of 70 (Seventy) JUAAB members and guests were present in the meeting.



(2) 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 needed to be conducted. A total of 8 EC meetings were conducted virtually through zoom for smooth conduction of JUAAB activities last one year. Several meetings were also held with Embassy officials for strengthening relation between JUAAB and Japan Embassy.

(3) JUAAB General Election:

As per provision of JUAAB constitution, Executive Committee Election of JUAAB should be held every two years. That is Executive Committee is formed for two years and new committee is elected through election after two years. This year was election year for JUAAB. Election was held on 28th February, 2021 at JUAAB Office, 28 Indira Road, Farmgate, Dhaka. Election was held for Senior Vice-President, Joint Secretary and 7 Members post as contestants for all other posts were elected unopposed. A total of 185 members took part in the election process. Election was held in a festive atmosphere with highest transparency. Honorable chairman of Advisory Council of JUAAB Prof. A. K. M. Moazzem Hussain was the Chief Election Commissioner. Two other honorable members of Advisory Council of JUAAB, Prof. Ishtiaq Mahmud and Dr. Sheikh Aleemuzzaman were also member of the Election Commission as members. JUAAB facilitated all the necessary arrangement for the smooth conduction of the election.

(C) Activities related to Japanese language

(1) JUAAB Japanese Language School:

JUAAB Japanese Language School is one of the best language schools in Bangladesh. From the beginning, the school is trying to teach Japanese language with utmost sincerity and devotion. Mostly the school teaches N-5 level language course for 6 months and 3 months known as long course and short course respectively. Recently Japanese Government has decided to hire employees from Bangladesh but the condition is that they have to have at least N-3 level language knowledge. So we are giving more emphasis on higher level language teaching so that Bangladeshi people could learn advance course and could avail the opportunity to go to Japan for employment.

Keeping in mind all this things our language sub-committee has decided that our language school should teach the following level of language courses: (a) N-5 level long and short course, (b) N-4 level course (c) N-3 level course and (d) N-(5 + 4) combined courses. From January 2020 to March 2021, 8 long courses both physical and online, 3 short practice classes for JLPT level- 5 and three six months course of JLPT level-4 was completed successfully. A new six months JLPT Level combined (5+4) course and level-3 course have been started from March 2020. After the ending of each course certificates were distributed through a ceremonial event. Last year a total of 650 students were enrolled in JUAAB language school. In JLPT examination students of JUAAB Japanese Language school doing better in comparison to the students of other Japanese Language school in Bangladesh.

From the time period of the courses mentioned, you could understand that it was mostly on lock down period due to Covid-19 pandemic. We had to switch from physical classes to online class for all of our regular courses. So we did not stop teaching Japanese language even in the pandemic period. In addition completely new online courses were also introduced during this period.

(2) Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT):

Under the authority of Japan Foundation, through the direct supervision of Japan Embassy in Bangladesh, JUAAB conducting Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) in the month of July and December every year. Students from all Japanese Language School in Bangladesh take part in this test. JLPT Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation this Year July JLPT was not held. Other JLPT was held on 6 December by maintaining the social distance and health regulations. The number of participants for this year JLPT was 1859. JUAAB life Members of different institutions was the Proctors and Assistant Proctors to conduct the JLPT.

We are extremely grateful to all the life members of JUAAB who had done their duty as Proctor and Assistant Proctor during this time of pandemic. Without your help it might be impossible to conduct the JLPT examination physically. Thank you very much.



(3) The 12th National Speech Contest in Japanese Language :

12th Japanese speech contest in Japanese Language of Bangladeshi contestants was held on 27th February, 2021 at 'NASCENT GARDENIA' Baridhara, Dhaka. A preliminary contest for short-listing of candidates was held at JUAAB office on 13th February, 2021 under the close supervision of JUAAB President and General Secretary. Total ten contestants were selected, 5 each from advance and beginners category for the final speech contest. Ms. Simizu Megumi from embassy of Japan and Mrs. Tamie Rahman were present as Judge in the preliminary round. We are extremely grateful to them for their presence during this Covid-19 pandemic situation. During final contest H.E. ITO NAOKI Ambassador of Japan was present. Mr. Hikari KAWAI, Chairman of JBCCI, Mr. Masahiro KOSHITA, Principal of Japanese School, Dhaka, Mr. Yasuhiro KAWAZOE, Senior Representative of JICA and Mr. Sara WATANABE from JICA, were present in the program as the judges. Ten Japanese Companies, JCIAD, KCSL, SAITO, Nagasaki Japanese Restaurant, Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Sumitomo Corporation, NIPPON KOEI, Mizuoh and YKK cosponsored this program. Mikasa Sanzana from Beginners category stood 1st. Md. Tarek Rahman stood 1st from advanced category. Mohammed Faysal Bhuiyan and Md. Sojol Ahmed stood 2nd and 3rd respectively from advanced category. Japan Embassy's Certificate, Japanese Dictionary and educational tools was given to First, Second and Third position holders and all participants received the certificate.

(D) Activities with Japan Embassy in Bangladesh

(1) Japan Emperor's Birthday:

Japanese Emperor's Birthday on 23 February 2021, the embassy invited JUAAB President for the dinner. Honorable Education Minister and a remarkable number of Diplomats, Politician and high officials of Bangladesh attended this program.

(2) Welcome Back Dinner Party at Ambassador Residence:

The honorable Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh arranged a dinner party in his residence on 1st March 2021, to welcome the graduates who had just completed their graduation and come back to Bangladesh. JUAAB President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Vice President and other 10 members of JUAAB were present in this program. Japanese Ambassador, JUAAB President and Professor Dr. Delwar Husain of Dhaka University gave their speech in this program. We, along with recently returned graduates, enjoyed the party a lot, with wonderful Japanese cuisine. A fruitful discussion been held with honorable Ambassador on present and future planning of JUAAB and its activities.

(E) JUAAB'S Other Achivement:

JUAAB has registration of Social Welfare department. Recently JUAAB got the TIN certificate from National Board of Revenue. JUAAB introduced automation for JLPT registration in March-2021 and we working for complete automtion of JUAAB.

Finally yet importantly, the EC would like to thank all JUAAB members for their support and assistance given to us during the past years. Our special thanks also go to our EC and Advisory council members, JUAAB language teachers and staffs for their continuous support.

Thank you all to participate this auspicious program.

Professor Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Khan

General Secretary

Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB)

JUAAB COURSES

Japanese Language Courses: (Online & Offline)

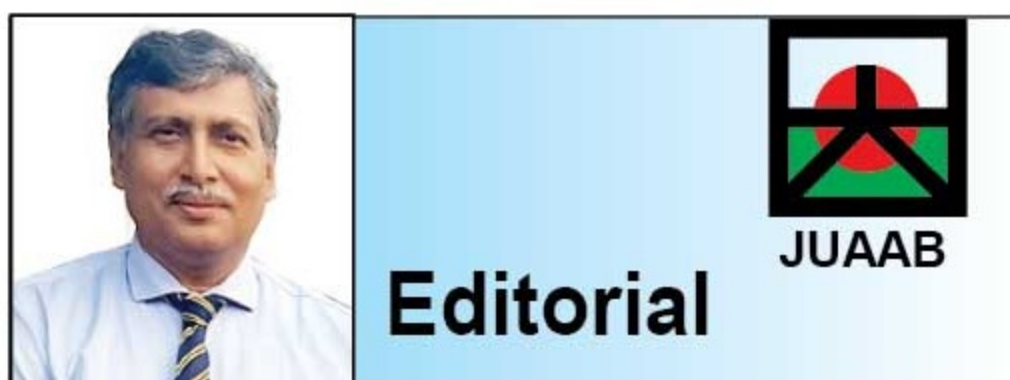
Six-months long course for those intending to sit for JLPT (N-5, N-4, N-3) and also to continue higher level courses and higher studies in Japan

Classes: 3 days a week, Fees TK. 20,000/

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



It is our immense pleasure and great satisfaction to announce that we the members of the Research and Publication Committee have the opportunity to contribute to publish an improved version of our "News Letter 2020" in addition to our special edition published 26th September 2020. It gives me immense pleasure to pen down this editorial note as we are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of JUAAB this year though due to Covid-19 pandemic situation we had to scale down our many important programmes. However, we will try to continue some of our 20th anniversary celebration programs following strict health rules.

We all know that JUAAB was launched on 29th September, 2000 with the direct help of the Japanese Embassy in Dhaka. The main objectives of this organization are to build friendship and network among the Bangladeshi nationals who earned their academic degrees from Japanese Universities. Besides, it is organizing various programmes to promote and familiarize Japanese culture, social values, education, and moral values in our society. JUAAB has made remarkable progress over the past 20 years. We are the biggest non-political organizations with highly educated about 700 life members. Now, we have our own modern 4000 sqft office space, international standard Japanese language School, a small but vibrant management team along with elected Executive Committee and Advisory Council. We are regularly organizing Ikebana, SAFJUA, education seminars on Japanese education system, Japanese cultural programmes, conducting JLPT examinations, orientation for MEXT scholars, reception for returnee graduates, donation for natural calamity affected people in home and abroad, Hiroshima- Nagasaki day observation, etc.

The current executive committee has tried its best to make JUAAB a unique organization in Bangladesh. New Executive Committee has already been elected in democratic way with large number of members participation. In the last one year, though we were in Pandemic situation but we have successfully conducted many regular programs. We believe by your active participation, JUAAB will flourish more and more in coming years. As like as before, we are requesting all of our new returnee graduates to become members of JUAAB and to help it grow with new ideas and activities.

I have tried to bring you more updates in the present issue. I hope you will enjoy the reading, and we are looking forward to receiving your critical analysis, suggestions and future contributions. We wish to express our heartiest gratitude to H.E. Ito Naoki, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Japanese Embassy Officials, Alumni, Honorable Advisors, EC members, JUAAB office staffs, JUAAB Japanese school teachers and press personnel for their cordial cooperation and guidance to publish this News Letter within a very short time. May Almighty save us all from this pandemic.

Professor Dr. Mohammad Mizanur Rahman
Research and Publication Secretary

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1. Life member Taka 10,000 (Ten Thousand) only
2. General member Taka 1000 (One Thousand) only and annual membership fee of Taka 1000. (One Thousand) only