

**Consulate General of Bangladesh  
Toronto, Canada**

**Press Release**

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**Doug Ford praised Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto on its'  
successful completion of one year**



The Premier of Ontario province of Canada Hon. Doug Ford congratulated Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto for their outstanding accomplishment of one year of commencement. He said this while receiving Bangladesh Consul General Nayem Uddin Ahmed at Queens Park, Toronto today (19 December 2019). Bangladesh Consul General is amongst a handful Consuls General in Toronto to have the opportunity to meet the Premier Doug Ford, one of the most influential Premiers of Canada.

The Consul General mentioned that opening of the new Consulate General of Bangladesh in Toronto was a commitment of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the Bangladesh diaspora living in Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba and Alberta.

Mentioning the time-tested and robust relations with Canada, the Consul General recalled the support of Canada during the Liberation War and mentioned that the present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attaches special importance to its' relations with Canada. He added that under the dynamic leadership of the daughter of the Father of the Nation Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is emerging as one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Bangladesh, therefore, is keen to develop new avenues of trade and investment with Ontario.

Ontario Premier lauded the economic achievement of Bangladesh led by Sheikh Hasina and assured the Consul General of his full cooperation, both in personal and official capacity. He particularly stressed the environment friendly nuclear energy reactors, economic

immigration, education and Hi-tech IT based cooperation. Premier Doug Ford mentioned that Ontario will require another 250,000 skilled jobs, where Bangladesh can be a great source of skilled manpower.



Consul General Nayem Ahmed added that the Consulate General has successfully organized the first ever 'Bangladesh-Canada Business Forum-2019' in last September and looks forward to consolidating the momentum of the Business Forum. Consul General of Bangladesh particularly urged for cooperation in ICT, shipbuilding, pharmaceuticals, waste and water management, renewable energy, veterinary medicine, tertiary medical equipment, agro-food processing as the priority areas. He requested the Premier to send a Trade Mission to Bangladesh to witness the outstanding economic development taking place under the present government and determine prospective areas of trade and investment, which the Ontario Premier has very graciously agreed to.



At the end of the meeting Consul General handed over Bangabandhu's 'Prison Diaries' and a traditional 'Nakshi Kantha' as a token of gesture to the Ontario Premier. Consuls Mansurin Choudhury and Manuar Mukarram accompanied the Consul General during the meeting.