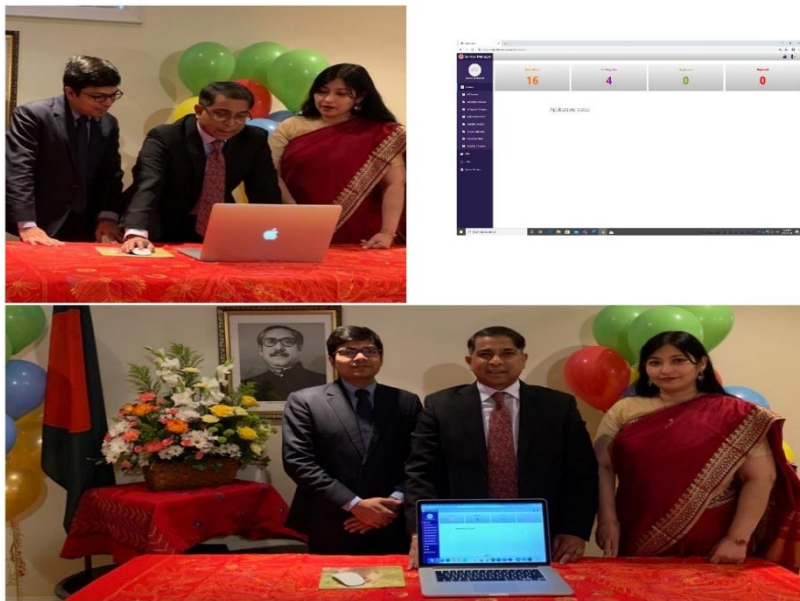


Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto- Soft Launches 'Digital Consular Services' as a gift to the Bangladesh diaspora on the 'Mujib Year'

Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto soft launched a fully automated 'Digital Consular Services' from today (17 March 2020) on the 100th Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Under this "Digital Consular Services" from now on the Bangladesh diaspora and Canadian citizens living in Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba can submit online application for consular services through Consulate's website www.bdcgtoronto.ca clicking "Consular Services" option followed by postal delivery. From submission to service delivery applicants will receive email status of their application at each stage of processing. Except few services which need compulsory physical presence i.e. Alive Certificate and Travel Permit applicants do not need to come to the Consulate for services.



'Digital Consular Services' was launched today during the celebration of the 100th Birth Anniversary and the National Children Day 2020 in Toronto organized by the Bangladesh Consulate General. The initiative comes in a bid to contribute to the pledge and vision of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to build "Digital Bangladesh" and the dream of Bangabandhu's "Sonar Bangla". Consul General Nayem Ahmed said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all government institutes to implement '*one specific project*' in the Mujib Year, which will make the life of the service seekers easier and to that effect, this is a humble "Birthday gift" to our Father of the Nation as well as to the Bangladesh diaspora and Canadian citizens in Canada. Consul General says that through this digitalization, applicants will receive guaranteed fastest most

service and he expects that as soon as the 'Digital Consular Services' is well settled, it will be formally inaugurated by a government dignitary from Dhaka.



Due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus, the Mission was compelled to scale down the celebration, however it celebrated the great occasion on a limited scale with due diligence and enthusiasm. The day began with national flag hoisting by the Consul General Nayem Uddin Ahmed, messages of the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, and State Minister for Foreign Affairs were read out and special prayers offered in homage to Bangabandhu and continued peace and progress of Bangladesh.



A short documentary titled "Amader Bangabandhu" was screened followed by a discussion on the glorious life of the Father of the Nation. Consul General Nayem Uddin Ahmed delivered a speech and soft launched the "Digital Consular Services". A cake was cut in presence of the children followed by a modest cultural performance by the member of the Consulate family.