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**Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto celebrates
101st Birth Anniversary and National Children's Day-2021**

Bangladesh Consulate General in Toronto organised a virtual program to celebrate the 101st Birth Anniversary and National Children Day-2021. Hon. Norm Miller, MPP and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier of Ontario graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Hon. Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development of Saskatchewan was the Guest of Honour. Ontario Premier Hon. Doug Ford and Deputy Premier of Manitoba Hon. Kelvin Goertzen gave special messages on the occasion. The program was attended by high officials of the Provincial Governments of Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, diplomats, Canadian friends, and Bangladesh diaspora.

Among the other distinguished speakers were Jon Reyes, MLA and Special Envoy for Military Affairs of Manitoba; Anish Dwivedi, Special Advisor to the Premier of Ontario; Kara Rawson, Chief of Protocol of Ontario; Shannon Haggarty, Chief of the Protocol of Alberta; Lucy Lobmeier, Chief of Protocol of British Columbia; James Ramer, Chief of the Toronto Police Service; Amin Miah, President, Bangabandhu Parishad, Canada, Mr. Mostafa Kamal, President, Ontario Awami League, Syed Hossain Mona, Veteran Freedom Fighter and Muntaka Ahmed, President of University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU).

In their messages, Ontario Premier and Manitoba Deputy Premier congratulated Bangladesh on the Birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh. They look forward to working closely with Bangladesh to further strengthen the relationship.

The Chief Guest Norm Miller MPP congratulated Bangladesh on the Birth centenary of Bangabandhu and looked forward to a long and collaborative relations with Bangladesh especially in the areas of trade and investment. Deputy Minister Jodi Banks congratulated the vibrant and innovative Bangladesh people under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and looked forward to working together with Bangladesh in the areas of economic development, trade, agriculture, research etc.

Consul General Nayem Uddin Ahmed in his speech said Bangabandhu's legacy of struggle and sacrifice for the emancipation of the oppressed people goes beyond the border and is a great source of inspiration for the freedom-loving people throughout

the world. Bangabandhu's life, vision and philosophy are priceless learning for us, and stems immense insight for world peace. Remembering the enduring glories of the Father of the Nation, Consul General urged all to strengthen the hands of his able daughter Hon. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to make Bangladesh a developed country by 2041.

Earlier, in the morning Consul General hoisted the national flag at the Bangladesh House to begin the day's program and later in the afternoon the virtual celebration took place. Messages from the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State minister for Foreign Affairs of Government of Bangladesh were read out and documentaries on Bangabandhu were screened. A wreath was placed at the portrait of Bangabandhu and a special cake was cut to celebrate the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu. To mark the National Children's Day, Consulate General sponsored a short film titled "Nacher Putul", which was screened during the event. The program ended with a brief cultural program.

Encl: 4 Photographs
