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### **95<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation and National Children's Day**

The 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of birth of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Children's Day was celebrated at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington on Tuesday amid patriotic zeal and fervor.

On this day back in 1920 Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the greatest son of the Bengali nation, was born at Tungipara in Gopalganj.

To celebrate the historic day, the embassy chalked out elaborate programmes that include discussion on life and works of the great leader and drawing and essay writing competition for children and offering special prayer.

Honourable Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Mohammad Ziauddin made welcome address while the messages of the Honourable President, the Honourable Prime Minister and Honourable Foreign Minister were read out at the function.

Ambassador Ziauddin in his brief statement said the 17<sup>th</sup> March is a vitally important day in our national life as Bangladesh emerged as an independent and sovereign nation because of Bangabandhu's relentless struggle, uncompromising leadership and sacrifice.

In 1996 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina declared the 17<sup>th</sup> March as National Children's Day marking Bangabandhu's unflinching love and affection for children and to build up our new generation imbued with the ideals of the Father of the Nation.

In 1974 Bangabandhu formulated National Children Act to recognize the rights of the children and free them from all kinds of ignorance, exploitation and repression. Later on, the National Children Policy was announced in 2011.

To mark the occasion, a 25-minute documentary film depicting life and work of the Father of Nation since the 1952 Language Movement to the reconstruction of the post-independence Bangladesh was screened at the Bangabandhu Auditorium largely attended by Bangladeshi Diaspora, leaders of Awami League and a good number of children.

The Presidents and the General Secretaries USA chapter of Awami League, Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia participated in the discussion and took a fresh vow to strengthen the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to safeguard democracy against deadly violence and militancy.

Those who joined the discussion were Dr Siddiqur Rahman, Sadequr Rahman Sajjad, Sheikh Selim, Rafique Parvez, Zia Uddin Khan, M Nabi Bakee, Moinul Hasan Tapos, Dastagir Jahangir and Eng Mizanur Rahman Majumdar.

Mrs. Yasmeen Ziauddin, the wife of the Honourable Ambassador, distributed prizes and certificates among winners of the drawing competition titled Beautiful Bangladesh and essay competition on Bangabandhu: Emergence of Bangladesh.

The Honourable Ambassador cut a cake in celebration of the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation. Later, the guests were entertained with a dinner.



