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‘Pahela Boishakh’ celebrated at Bangladesh Embassy in Washington D.C. displaying Bengali vibrant culture

Pahela Baishakh, the Bengali New Year’s Day, was celebrated at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington D.C. Tuesday amid enthusiasm and fanfare displaying Bengali vibrant culture and heritage.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the U.S.A. Mohammad Ziauddin welcomed the Bengali New Year and said Pahela Boishakh is the integral part of the Bengali culture celebrated by all irrespective of religion, ethnicity, creed and colour. He said Pahela Boishakh is the symbol of hope, prosperity and goodwill.

The Ambassador said the “Mongol Shovajatra”, an integral part of Pohela Boishakh, recognized by the UNESCO gives and international connotation. He hoped each day of the Bengali New year would be blessed with peace and prosperity.

The Day’s celebration began with “Mongal Shovajatra” by kids of the embassy families as the UNESCO included this attractive and important feature of the New Year in the list of ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage’ in November 2016. Members of the embassy families welcomed the Bengali New Year by rendering chorus ‘Eso he Baishakh, Eso Eso” at the jam packed Bangabandhu Auditorium of the chancery.

Artists of Bangladesh who live in Washington D.C. presented songs and dances portraying mosaic of Bangladesh culture composed of folk, modern and mystic suiting the occasion. Bangladeshi singer Selim Chowdhury also rendered folk songs. Besides, artists from Sri Lanka, Nepal and Myanmar performed dances on a tastefully decorated podium.

A good number of foreigners, diplomats, senior Bangladesh officials who are in D.C. to attend the World Bank Spring meeting, journalists, businessmen and leading members of the Bangladesh community with colourful attires joined the celebration. The guests were served with traditional Bangladeshi cuisine.
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