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Sheikh Kamal was a beacon of inspiration & hope for the youth: Ambassador Ziauddin

Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Mohammad Ziauddin has said Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, dedicated himself to the youth development and guide them to be good citizens by involving them in the world of sports and culture.

‘He was a beacon of inspiration and hope for the youth of the country,’ the Ambassador said at a function marking the first ever Sheikh Kamal Memorial USA Western Regional Championship Tournament in Los Angeles on Sunday evening.

Six teams from the states of Southern California, Northern California, Seattle-Washington, Utah, Colorado and Arizona participated in the tournament.

Ambassador Ziauddin said Sheikh Kamal revived and resurrected new life in both sports and culture after the war of liberation in 1971 and founded Abohani Krira Chakra Club and Spondon Shilpi Gosthi. “His presence brought a breath of fresh air to the sporting and cultural world,” the envoy recalled.

Ambassador Ziauddin had personal acquaintance with Sheikh Kamal as they grew up in the same residential area in Dhaka. Ziauddin who was a teacher of English language at Dhaka College used to meet Sheikh Kamal frequently when he was a student of Dhaka College during 1967 to 1969.

Making a flashback, the Ambassador said Sheikh Kamal was gifted with many talents that reached out equally to studies, sports and culture. He absorbed himself in these three areas despite being from the first family of Bangladesh and well versed in the world of politics. Leaving the allure of politics aside, he involved himself with youth development focusing with exuberance and youthful energy.

Ambassador Ziauddin who played first division cricket from his schooldays till joining the government service in 1970 said Sheikh Kamal also played cricket in the first division, and his passion was to improve the cricket in Bangladesh.

The Ambassador noted that the interest and encouragement that Sheikh Kamal exuded immediately after Bangladesh’s independence contributed significantly to the growth, development and progress of cricket in the country. “The motion that he set forth, through the years, gained in momentum to reach Bangladesh cricket to where it is today.”

Sponsors and organizers of the Sheikh Kamal memorial cricket tournament, cricketers and participants, a large number of cricket fans and admirers of Sheikh Kamal attended the function.

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Photo of the speech of Honorable Ambassador of Bangladesh to USA H.E. Mohammad Ziauddin in a meeting with the officials of Southern California Cricket Association, organizers and players of the Sheikh Kamal Memorial USA Western Regional Cricket Tournament, and the Bangladeshi American community members.