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Bangladesh Embassy hosts farewell reception in honor of Ambassador Akramul Qader

On June 07, 2014, the officers and members of staff of Bangladesh Embassy along with their families hosted a farewell reception followed by a dinner in honour of the departing Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA, H.E. Mr. Akramul Qader and Madam Rifat Sultana Akram, lady wife of Ambassador Qader at the Bangabandhu Auditorium of the Embassy.

The program began with a video presentation highlighting some professional and personal moments of Ambassador Qader with his team members during his tenure. Played along with the famous Tagore song "Purano Sei Diner Koth", it was not only a fitting tribute to the remarkable achievements of Ambassador Qader, but also reminiscent of his eagerness to put human values to the forefront of every relations. The video show was followed by a four- hour long discussion session reflecting on the professional and personal traits of Ambassador Qader. Among the discussants were Charge' d'Affaires of the Embassy, Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith, all senior officers, other Embassy staffs and Bangladesh Consul General to New York Mr. Shameem Ahsan. While commending Ambassador Qader's phenomenal records of professional accomplishments, the speakers also acknowledged his extraordinary ability to instill all around him a sense of belongingness and team-spirit. They also expressed gratitude to Madam Rifat Sultana Akram for her exceptional drive to complement in every possible way the initiatives of the Embassy.

Terming Ambassador Qader as a symbol of “Bangladeshi resilience” against all odds and difficulties, CDA, a.i., Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith said that the US-Bangladesh bilateral relationship has reached a new height under the leadership of Ambassador Akramul Qader. He applauded the relentless efforts of Ambassador Qader to put the relationship in a structural framework opening up countless new horizons of engagements, such as partnership dialogue, security dialogue, military-military dialogue, TICFA framework agreement, equal futures partnership etc.

In an emotionally choked voice, Ambassador Qader thanked all his team members for their sincere efforts to work toward promoting Bangladesh’s national interest in the USA. He mentioned that the team that he led was not only professionally sound, but also dedicated to attain the core objectives that have been entrusted upon them. He commended their preparedness to sacrifice personal hours, undertake additional challenges, engage with Diaspora, and motivation to serve for the people and the country.

The longest serving Bangladesh envoy to the USA, Ambassador Qader formally ended his tour of duties in the USA on June 02, 2014. He left the USA for Bangladesh on June 08, 2014. On the day of his departure, all the members of the Embassy family and some Diaspora members were present at the airport to say him good bye. With his departure ends a remarkable era marked not only by his personal and professional achievements, but also the impacts that he made on the hearts and minds of the younger generation Diaspora members.

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