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Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC hosts fund-raising Dinner of SAMHATI

SAMHAT-a voluntary organization of expatriate Bangladeshi women based in Washington DC area organized its Annual Benefit Dinner on 6 November 2010 at the Bangabandhu Auditorium of the Embassy of Bangladesh. The Dinner was preceded by a cultural program in which artistes from local Jago Art Center performed dances featuring rural life in Bangladesh. Their presentation enthralled the audience among which a good number of them were foreigners. The audience was amused to learn interesting stories from Ms. Noorjahan Bose, Secretary General of SAMHATI in connection with her voluntary works in the rural areas in Bangladesh.

H.E. Mr. Akramul Qader, Bangladesh Ambassador to USA & State Minister in his welcome remarks thanked the organizers for the noble initiative. While touching on various government measures for poverty alleviation and welfare of the people in Bangladesh including women & children, Bangladesh Ambassador urged the expatriate Bangladeshis to come forward not only with material help but also with innovative ideas. Ambassador Qader assured all-out support of the Embassy for similar initiatives in future.

The discussion part was moderated by Ms. Roquia Haider of the VOA & Ms. Sharmin Ahmed narrated the cultural segment which was directed by Ms. Mitu Gonsalves. Founded in 1984, SAMHATI sends the proceeds from

annual dinners to Bangladesh to support its various projects aimed at improving the social and economic conditions of women and children of Bangladesh.

On the sideline of the dinner, there was an auction of jewelry, saris and artwork which drew attraction specially from foreign guests. A power-point presentation on the activities of SAMHATI was also screened during the event. Expatriate Bangladeshis, Officers of the Embassy and a good number of foreigners attended the ticked event which earned appreciation from all.

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