



Celebrating the 54th Anniversary of Independence



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Today is the 26th of March, the great Independence and National Day of Bangladesh. On this day in 1971, the fight to establish an independent, sovereign Bangladesh finally began. The mass people of this country waged the Liberation War against the Pakistani armed forces. Consequently, Bangladesh achieved independence at the cost of lives of hundreds of thousands of martyrs in a long nine-month bloody Liberation War.

On this day, I remember with deep respect the heroic martyrs of the great Liberation War, all leaders of the independence movement, the valiant freedom fighters, the mothers and sisters who lost their honour, and the freedom-loving people of this country, whose supreme sacrifices and contributions brought for us this independent Bangladesh. I also respectfully remember all the martyrs of the mass uprising of July-August 2024.

I pay my profound gratitude to the members of our diaspora and the diplomats who played an important role in shaping global public opinion in favour of Bangladesh during the Liberation War and later in achieving international recognition. I also deeply acknowledge the

enormous contribution of our foreign friends in the emergence of independent Bangladesh.

The ultimate goal of our independence was to end the oppression of the then ruling class and to eliminate all forms of exploitation and economic, social and political discrimination. To make this happen, people from all spheres including students, farmers, and workers fought to establish independent Bangladesh in 1971 through a long, united movement and war. Their dream was to build a discrimination-free Bangladesh, where every citizen would enjoy the benefits of independence equally.

Unfortunately, as the aspiration of independence was not fulfilled even after five decades, the mass uprising took place in July-August 2024. The students and the people sacrificed their lives fearlessly in this uprising to establish their rights to vote, uphold justice, eliminate discrimination and ensure equal opportunities for all. As a result, we have once again got a golden opportunity to make our independence meaningful through building an exploitation-free, developed country. The current Interim Government, led by Honorable Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus, is determined to utilize this opportunity. Let us all embrace the spirit of independence and build a truly independent, exploitation-free and prosperous Bangladesh.

On this glorious day, I extend my sincere greetings to the Bangladeshi diaspora staying in different parts of the world and are contributing to keep the country's economy running. I thank all the members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our missions abroad who have been working with firm commitment to uphold our national interests and enhance the country's image globally.

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Parliamentary Friendship League

On the occasion of the Independence and National Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the govern-

ment and the people of Bangladesh on behalf of the Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship League.

I am pleased to see that cooperation between the two countries is progressing in various fields under the Strategic Partnership. In particular, the economy of Bangladesh, which maintains a high growth rate, is very attractive to Japan, and I hope that the ongoing negotiations for the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the two countries will be concluded at an early date.

The Parliamentary Friendship League will continue to contribute to the further strengthening of our bilateral relations.

I would like to conclude my message by wishing further prosperity of the people of Bangladesh.

Taro Aso



The Mohansthengar, located in Bogura, is the oldest archeological site of Bangladesh. Built around 300 BCE, the site was the capital of the Pundra Kingdom.

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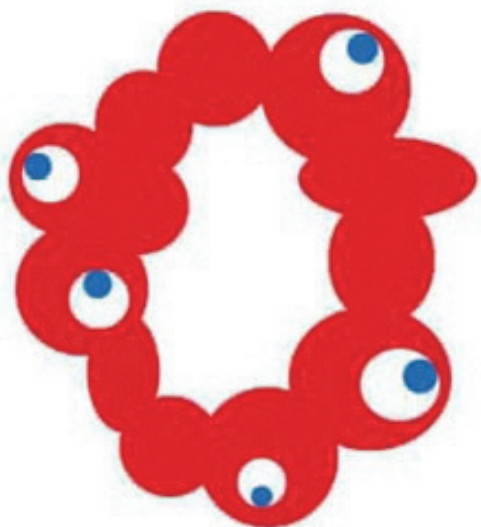
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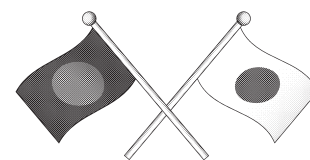
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