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Bangladeshi Child wins a Grand Prize ! World Children's Art Exhibition, Yokohama, Japan 2-31 July, 2011

The 16th KANAGAWA BIENNIAL World Children's Art Exhibition will be held at Yokohama, Japan from 2 to 31 July, 2011. More than 22,000 works were entered in the competition from 77 countries and 1 region including 739 works from Bangladesh. Among those, 519 works were selected to be awarded at the opening of the Exhibition including 20 works from Bangladesh. Especially, a 5 year-old Bangladeshi girl (Sadia Islam Maisha) has been awarded a Grand Prize as one of the best three works (Other two from Czech Republic and Japan.). President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Award also goes to a Bangladeshi (S. M. Mahfuf-E-Mahbub, 4 years old).

It shows the significant of influence by Artist Mohammad KIBRIA who passed away recently. He was a professor in the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka for a long time. Almost all the mentors of the children who entered in the competition learned at DU, making these children inherit the spirit of Artist KIBRIA who had been hugely inspired from his experience in Japan.

The Embassy of Japan in cooperation with JICA Bangladesh Office will organize an award ceremony in July, 2011 as part of celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Bangladesh.

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<http://www.earthplaza/biennial/>

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