



Press Release

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Conferral of 'the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon'

upon

Mr. Muhammad Nurul Islam, Honorary Consul General of Japan in Chittagong

On November 3, 2012 (Japan Time), the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2012 Fall Imperial Decorations. Among 46 recipients is Mr. Muhammad Nurul Islam, Honorary Consul General of Japan in Chittagong, who received “the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.” The conferral is in recognition of his great contribution to promoting mutual understanding and the enhancement of friendship between Japan and Bangladesh for more than 20 years. He has been working hard to facilitate learning of Japanese language and Japan studies in Bangladesh as the founder of Nippon academy and to introduce Japanese-style business management in Bangladesh as the founder of Chittagong AOTS (The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship, present the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association) Alumni Society. (His personal history is as below).

It is also worth mentioning that this award is conferred upon Mr. Islam on the auspicious occasion of the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Bangladesh.

Mr. Islam is the fifth Bangladeshi person who received the honour from the Government of Japan; the first is Mrs. Maleka Khan in 2001, who took part in such activities as opening the first Ikebana School in Bangladesh in 1975; the second is Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain in 2004, who participated in almost all voluntary-based organizations for more than 30 years aiming to build a bridge between the people of the two countries; the third is Mr. Momtazuddin Bhuiyan in 2008, who greatly promoted cultural exchange between the two countries for more than 30 years; and Mr. Zubayer

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Pasha Choudhury in 2008, who devotedly worked at the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh for more than 30 years.

Mr. Muhammad Nurul Islam (69 Years)
Honorary Consul General of Japan in Chittagong

Related Personal History

- 1943: Born in Agrabad, Chittagong
1963: Graduated from University of Dhaka at Chittagong College
1968: Learned Japanese language at University of Tokyo under the Japan Foundation's scholarship scheme
Attended Corporate Executive Training Program in Japan organized by the AOTS
1987-present: Founder President, Nippon Academy
1989-1993: Founder President, Chittagong AOTS Alumni Society
1993-present: Advisor, Chittagong AOTS Alumni Society
1990-2000: Honorary Consul of Japan in Chittagong
2000-present: Honorary Consul General of Japan in Chittagong

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