

BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (BAHK)

# NEWSLETTER

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#### **Annual General Meeting 2023**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2023 was successfully held on August 25, 2023, at the MAC Hall at 59, Battery Street, Jordan, Kowloon. Members of the association actively participated in the meeting. The event was not only productive but also provided an opportunity for members to connect and engage in fruitful discussions. As a token of appreciation, attendees were treated to thoughtful gifts, informative newsletters, delicious snacks, and dinner. With the collective engagement and enthusiasm of the attendees, the AGM concluded successfully, setting the stage for a promising future.









#### **Multi-Cultural Football Tournament 2023**

BAHK's Football Team took part in the Multi-Cultural Football Tournament 2023, organized by DAB. The tournament was held on August 19, 2023, in Yuen Long, as part of the celebrations for the 26th anniversary of HKSAR's return to the motherland.







### Yau Tsim Mong Multi-Cultural Bazaar

The New Home Association & District Council organized a Multi-Cultural Bazaar on September 17, 2023, at 59, Battery Street, Jordan, Kowloon. BAHK's Cultural team performed a parade, and BAHK also had a food stall named 'Bangla Bazar' offering traditional Bangladeshi cuisine. The Consul General of the Bangladesh Consulate General in Hong Kong, BAHK EC, and community members attended the event. It was a wonderful celebration of different cultures and traditions, bringing people together in a joyful atmosphere.











#### Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi (S.A.W.)

On October 2, 2023, the Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi (S.A.W.) was observed with great fervour and enthusiasm at the Community Hall of Kowloon Masjid. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Islamic Scholar, Sayed Jalaluddin Al-Azhari from Bangladesh, who delivered an enlightening discourse as the chief speaker, joined by other esteemed speakers, discussing the importance of the Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi (S.A.W.). The community members participated and celebrated the day with religious devotion and solemnity.













#### **Qira'at Competition**

Bangla School participated in the Qira'at Competition on November 4, 2023, organized by New Home Association, Hong Kong. Two students from Bangla School secured 1st and 6th positions in the competition and received awards.





### Meeting with BSAHK Newly Elected EC Members and BSAHK Picnic

On November 14, 2022, a joint meeting was held at BAHK's office with the newly elected EC members of BSAHK. The meeting discussed enhancing collaboration between the two organizations in the future. BAHK assured full support to BSAHK for the betterment of Bangladeshi students in Hong Kong. Additionally, BAHK EC members attended BSAHK's annual picnic on November 19, 2023, upon invitation.







#### **Victory Day Celebration**

BAHK and Bangla School celebrated the Victory Day of Bangladesh on December 16, 2023. The BAHK Executive Committee attended the celebration program at the Consulate General Office of Bangladesh. Additionally, BAHK Bangla School celebrated Victory Day at the school, showcasing traditional spirits and cultural beliefs.









# **Victory Day Basketball Match**

On December 16, 2023, BAHK organized a basketball match to celebrate the Victory Day of Bangladesh. The community's youth formed teams and participated in the tournament, which was enjoyed by community members.













#### Pitha Utshob 2024

BAHK organized a 'Pitha Utshob' festival on January 21, 2024, at the Henry G. Leong Community Centre. The festival aimed to celebrate the rich tradition of Pitha and foster a sense of community among female members. With active participation from our female members, the event was a great success, representing our cherished tradition and culture.









# **Beach Cleanup 2024**

BAHK organized a 'Beach Cleanup' event on January 28, 2024, at Butterfly Beach (Ungazetted Beach Area). The event aimed to promote environmental awareness in the community, and community members actively participated.











### Observance of the International Mother Language Day on 21 February 2024

The Bangladesh Association of Hong Kong celebrated International Mother Language Day on February 21, 2024, at the Theatre Hall of Sheung Wan Civic Centre. The event was held in collaboration with the Bangladesh Consulate General in Hong Kong. Distinguished guests including Consul Generals from various countries and members of the community attended the event.









#### Islamic discussion at Bangla School on the importance of the Holy Month of Ramadan on 16 March 2024

BAHK and Bangla School jointly arranged an Islamic Discussion on the importance of Ramadan on 16th March 2024 at BAHK Premises. Two famous scholars namely Chief Imam of Hong Kong, Mufti Dr. Nahvi Azhari and Mufti Muhammad Iftekhar discussed the importance of Ramadan and other Islamic topics. Bangla school students recited from the Quran and performed Islamic songs at the event.







#### Celebration of the Independence & National Day of Bangladesh

BAHK EC members participated in the Independence and National Day Celebration Program hosted by the Consulate General of Bangladesh in Hong Kong on 26th March to celebrate the program together. It took place at the consulate premises and the Consul General presided over the event. The program was further enriched by the enthusiastic attendance of community members, adding to the spirit of unity and patriotism.







# Iftaar Fund handover to the Masjid Committees

To show our unity and commitment to the Muslim community in Hong Kong, BAHK collected Iftar funds from the community members and donated it to the Masjids and Madrasas in Hong Kong that offered free Iftar to the Muslim community during Ramadan.





# 'Eid Day' morning gathering at Kowloon Park

BAHK arranged a get-together at the park adjacent to Kowloon Majid on Eid Day (10th April 2024) after Eid payers for the Bangladeshi community members. Members attended the gathering to meet each other and exchange Eid greetings. Traditional Semai and light refreshments have been served to the participants.









#### Eid-ul-Fitr Reunion held on 13 April 2014 at the Pakistan Club

BAHK organized a vibrant Eid Reunion on 13 April 2023 at the Pakistan Club, bringing the community together in a delightful gathering. The event was attended by community members along with the esteemed presence of the Consul of Bangladesh in Hong Kong. It was an evening filled with the spirit of Eid-ul-Fitr.















#### Celebration of the Bengali New Year / Phohela Boishakh on 14 April 2024

The Bangladesh Association of Hong Kong celebrated Bengali New Year 1431 on 14 April 2024 at King George V. Memorial Park. The event featured cultural performances, a vibrant Boishakhi Mela, and food stalls with delicious Bangladeshi delicacies. District officials, consulate representatives, and community members joined in the celebration. The district officer of the YTM district, the Consul of Bangladesh Consulate General, Hong Kong, EM leaders, district councillors, and community members participated in this joyous celebration.













# Free Influenza Vaccination Day on 27 April 2024

BAHK hosted a 'Free Influenza Vaccination Day' for the community at BAHK premises on 27 April 2024. The event was open to all age groups (6 months and above). Winning Resources LTD (WRL) generously sponsored the vaccination fees for individuals aged 18-49 years. Community members actively participated in this important vaccination initiative. The initiative aimed to promote the health and well-being of community, and BAHK extends heartfelt appreciation to all those who took part in this valuable event.









### Disneyland Visit - Annual Outing of Bangla School

BAHK arranged 100 free tickets for the Bangla School students to visit Disneyland on 12 May 2024 to give them an enjoyable outing as part of their ECA. Teachers, parents, students and EC members attended the event. They all enjoyed the attractive rides in Disneyland. Participants thanked the BAHK EC for organising such a great event.



# Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Bangladesh Association of Hong Kong

Bangladesh Association of Hong Kong (BAHK) celebrated its 20th anniversary on May 18, 2024, at the HKCEC Theatre 1.

Ms. Israt Ara, Consul General, Consulate General of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Hong Kong, Mr. Vincent Cheng, Legislative Councillor, Mr. Clement Woo, Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Ms. Linda Lam, Chairperson, Equal Opportunity Commission and other distinguished guests were present at the event.

After the ceremony, a "Community Harmony Cultural Show" was performed by local performers and artists from Bangladesh.













# Eid-ul-Adha Gathering on the Eid Day at Kowloon Park

BAHK arranged an Eid gathering on the 17th June 2024 after Eid Prayers at the park adjacent to the Kowloon Mosque. Community members attended the event. Traditional Semai and light refreshments have been served to the participants.





#### Eid-ul-Adha Reunion 2024

BAHK organized an Eid Reunion on 28 July 2024 at the Pakistan Club. The community members got together to share the Eid spirit in a family gathering. The Consul General of the Consulate General of Bangladesh in Hong Kong, Ms. Israt Ara, graced the program as the chief guest. BAHK members and their families attended the program, exchanged Eid greetings, and enjoyed the memorable evening.





#### **Annual Result Distribution Ceremony of Bangla School for the session 2023-2024**

BAHK/ Bangla School organized the 'Annual Result Distribution Ceremony' of Bangla School on 29 June 2024 at the school premises after successfully completing the academic session 2023-2024. Teachers, students, parents, and BAHK EC participated in the ceremony. Report Cards, Certificates & Awards given to the students.











# Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR

As one of the co-organizers, BAHK celebrated the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment Day of HKSAR on 30 June 2024 with the New Home Association, Hong Kong, at Yau Tsim Mong Multicultural Activity Centre.







# **Graduation Ceremony of YauMati Kaifong Association School**

With the invitation of the principal of Yaumati Kaifong Association School, the President and the General Secretary of BAHK attended the graduation ceremony of the school as the representative of Bangladesh Association of Hong Kong.





