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Celebration of birth centenary of the Father of the Nation launched in Australia

Yearlong celebration of the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman commenced today in Australia through a formal ceremony at the Chancery, despite restrictions on large gathering due to outbreak of Coronavirus.

High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Australia Mohammad Sufiur Rahman along with members of Bangladesh diaspora formally launched the "Mujib Year" by flying balloons carrying individually decorated characters of M U J I B Y E A R. A booklet prepared for Mujib Year titled- Mujib: the architect of Bangladesh was released.

An exhibition of rare photos of Bangabandhu- has been arranged at the Ouderland Library of the Chancery for display throughout the year. The photos have been so organized to allow a spectator to appreciate the emergence of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as a Leader, struggle of the Bangalees for respect and dignity under his stewardship, Liberation War fought with the great Leader being inspiration for the freedom fighters, and fast global recognition in the comity of nations. It also has photographs of Bangabandhu as a family man.

The High Commission organized painting competitions in Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane in association with various Bangla Schools a week ahead in those cities with the theme "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh". Idea was to involve the children and to make them aware of the life and contribution of Bangabandhu. The best awarded paintings are also exhibited at the Chancery.

At the discussion session, the speakers paid rich tributes to the best Bangalee ever lived, contribution of Bangabandhu in inspiring the Bangalee nation to rise for their rights and dignity, and consolidating cultural identity and securing civil and political rights of the people by creating an independent country. High Commissioner Sufiur Rahman stated that a culturally vibrant, socially inclusive and advancing, and economically strong Bangladesh is fast securing respect globally under the dynamic leadership of Sheikh Hasina. This clearly validates that the dream of the great Leader on a Sonar Bangla was correct and very much attainable.

Programs on 17 March 2020, the 100th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu as well as the National Children's Day began by ceremonial hoisting of national flag at dawn, placing floral wreath before the portrait of the Father of the Nation, reading out messages of Hon'ble President and Prime Minister and offering dua.

