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The Mission would like to refer to the Ministry's fax message (no. 19.00.0000.625.02.003.22/71 dated 09 March 2025) regarding the inputs on celebration of the 'Youth Festival – 2025' in the Missions abroad. The Embassy of Bangladesh in Brussels celebrated 'Youth Festival – 2025' on 15 February 2025, at the auditorium of the renowned Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), bringing together approximately 200 Bangladeshi students studying at various universities in Belgium, along with Bangladeshi young professionals working in academia, business, IT and various other organizations.

The event was distinguished by the presence of Mr. Shish Haider Chowdhury, Secretary of the Information and Communication Technology Division.

The Youth Festival honored the revolutionary spirit of the mass uprisings that took place in Bangladesh in July - August 2024, shedding light on the resilience, determination, and achievements of Bangladeshi youth on the global stage. The event aimed to recognize the contributions of the students in various fields, from academia to technology, and to inspire them to actively participate in shaping the future of Bangladesh. Special attention was drawn to promoting an environment friendly lifestyle and establishing a planet of zero waste. Under the theme 'Esho desh bodlai, prithibi bodlai,' the festival served as a dynamic platform to foster unity, responsibility, and a shared vision for national and global progress.

A one-minute silence was observed in honor of the martyrs of the 1952 Language Movement, the 1971 Liberation War, and those who sacrificed their lives in the July-August 2024 uprising in Bangladesh. The event provided a platform for the Bangladesh Students Alumni Association in Belgium to present their activities, particularly for assisting new Bangladeshi students arriving in Belgium. A vibrant cultural program was staged, featuring performances by the students, including traditional songs, dances, and theatre, which reflected the rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh. Young Belgian musician and composer, Thomas Arnett, enthralled the audience playing music with multiple instruments, accompanying the Bangla songs.

In his address, Secretary, ICT Division emphasized the crucial role of the young generation in nation-building. He urged Bangladeshi youth residing abroad, particularly those working in the IT sector, to contribute their knowledge and expertise towards development of their homeland. "The skills and experiences you have gained abroad can significantly benefit Bangladesh if you choose to serve your country in the same capacity. We warmly welcome such initiatives," he stated.

During her speech, CDA a.i. Ms. Preeti Rahman highlighted the contributions of Bangladeshi students and professionals in representing Bangladesh's aspirations and potential on a global platform. She flagged the importance of information sharing by students abroad, which can empower prospective students in Bangladesh, eager to step outside the country and gather knowledge and skills. She highlighted the reform efforts of the current interim government led by Professor Mohammad Yunus and the strong support from the international community in this regard, particularly from the European Union.

The Youth Festival successfully served as an inspiration for students and young professionals to remain engaged with Bangladesh's development, reinforcing their commitment to contributing to the country's progress and global recognition.

It may be mentioned that a press release regarding the 'Youth Festival – 2025' was dispatched to the Public Diplomacy wing on 16 February 2025. The required information, as advised, is furnished below:

Event's name	Number of Participants			The presence of important person
Youth Festival - 2025	Male	Female	Total	Mr. Shish Haider Chowdhury, Secretary, Information and Communication Technology Division.
	120	80	200	

This is for the Ministry's kind information and necessary action. Few photos of the event are attached.

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10/03/2025.

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