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For the first time on March 18th Ambassador of the United States to Bangladesh Honorable Dan Mozena visited Bangladesh-American Center on 13415 Renn Road in Houston, Texas. After visiting the construction site, Hon Mozena attended a dinner reception at the Petroleum Club hosted by Bangladesh Association and sponsored by Stratum Energy. Hundreds of community members and leaders attended both events. Bangladesh Association Join Secretary Shumana Salauddin and her volunteers organized a fabulous reception tour at the Bangladesh-American Center. Many international community and business leaders and many local and national elected leaders attended this dinner reception. Ambassador focused on Bangladesh and the United States strategic partnerships in global security, economic opportunities such as garment, agriculture, energy and technology and other areas. Guest welcome note was delivered by Mr. Khaled Z Khan and keynote was delivered by Bangladesh Association Chairperson Shah Haleem . Shah Haleem thanked his Board of Directors, donors, volunteers for hard work.

Program emcee was ABC13 VP of Community Affairs Cynthia Cisneors. CEO and founder of Stratum Energy Qasim Sharif a Bangladeshi born oil company owner spoke about Stratum Energy and energy exploration.

Syed and Sandra Syed received HIS EXCELLENCY Dan W. Mozena award for their contributions to Bangladesh-American Center. Qasim Sharif was also receipt of the appreciation award for his contribution to Bangladesh-American Center and sponsoring the Ambassador reception. HE Dan Mozena received award from Bangladesh Association for his contribution to Bangladesh Association.

Since November 24, 2011, Ambassador Dan Mozena has endeavored to strengthen, deepen and broaden relations between the United States and Bangladesh. He has worked to advance the interests of the people of America, Bangladesh and the region by promoting a Bangladesh that is peaceful, secure, prosperous, healthy and democratic. He and his staff are forging strong partnerships with the Bangladesh government and civil society to bolster Bangladeshi efforts to counter violent extremism, advance food security and nutrition, improve health, and increase capacity to cope with climate change, natural disasters and other security challenges.

Syed and Sandra Syed were awarded by US Ambassador to Bangladesh HIS EXCELLENCY Dan W. Mozena for their continuous support for Bangladesh-American Center. Qasim Sharif was also receipt of the Ambassador award for his support for the Bangladeshi Community.

Event was attended by Consul General of Pakistan Afzaal Mahmood, David Robinson, Council Member at Large, Position 2, Houston City, Congressman Pete Olson of District 22, Mr. Mike Gibson of Ft. Bend County Republican Party Chair, Representative Mr. Dan Branch, Gene Wu of State Representative District 137, Mrs. Patti Stockman on Behalf of Cong Steve Stockman, CEO, Outreach International LLC Mustafa Tameez, Harris County District Clerk Chris Daniels, President of Houston-Karachi Sister City Muhammad Saeed Sheikh, Channel 13 reporter Pooja Lodhia, Nike Luqman of Mayor Of Houston Protocol , Ellen Goldberg of the Houston Sister Cities, VP President of Muslim Democratic Caucus Matlub Khan, VP of Wallis Bank Zafar Khan, Sam Merchant on behalf of Al Green, Founder & CEO Pakistan Chronicle Tariq N, Khan, Convener 2014 Federation of North America in Bangladesh Dr. Zainul Abedin, Executive Members of FOBANA Rabiul Karim and Azadul Haq, Executive VP of 3H food and Immediate Past Chair of Bangladesh-Association Arun Roy, YourGI Center CEO and Director of Bangladesh-American Center Dr. Nizam Meah, Chief BAC Advisor Mr. Hasan Rahman. attended the event among many other distinguished guests.



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US and Bangladesh National Anthem was played by Tawsif Azad, Award winning classical dancer Disha Roy performed event invocation dance, featured solo artist Nazia Ahmed memorized the audience with her solo performance.

Sincerely,

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