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### Multicultural Gala

Crowne Plaza Houston Galleria

November 15, 2013



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## Bangladesh Association

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3-00084-4754-9, Established in 1978

### Background

Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) was established in 1978 as a non-profit organization in the State of Texas and was granted the Internal Revenue Service Tax exempted 501(c)(3) status in May of 1985. This non-profit organization is managed and operated by an elected, but volunteer Board of Directors. The Bangladesh American Center (BAC) is a project of BAH, which is located at 13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083.

Bangladesh American Center (BAC) is designed to be a multipurpose community center. The vision of BAC is to unite people of Bangladeshi origin in North America by providing a permanent physical location to display, demonstrate, share, and represent Bangladeshi culture and heritage. This will be a place where ideas can be shared and exchanged to promote and increase understanding of diversity and peaceful integration, pursue and achieve common goals, within the framework of Bangladesh Association of Houston (BAH) constitution. Currently BAH contributes to the community enrichment by providing Bangla language education, hosting cultural festivals, and by providing medical services for the needy. The Center is an aspiration of the community to enrich the cultural experience for the Bangladeshi-American, but more so for future generations of Americans with or without Bangladeshi heritage.

The mission of Bangladesh-American Center is to facilitate social, cultural, intellectual, and educational activities of the Bangladesh-American Community, involving the Bangladeshi Americans or any other groups generally interested in promoting BAC vision and core values.

BAC would host local and national community leaders to promote public causes and broaden awareness on various issues impacting the local, national, and international communities. It could also be a venue for many to volunteer and provide paralegal assistance in immigration and other legal matters, social security and government services, as well as host many traditional community gatherings for various occasions.

The Center will be the first of its kind in many ways: the first community center to be erected by Bangladeshis in America, in a city synonymous with venturing towards the future, and built by the people and for the people of all backgrounds.

## Bangladesh American Center Complex is truly a symbol of unity and community pride.

### Mission Statement

The mission of BAC is to facilitate social, cultural, intellectual, and educational activities of the Bangladeshi-American Community, involving the Bangladeshi Americans or any other groups generally interested in promoting BAC vision and core values, as well as to preserve, stimulate and promote respect for cultural diversity and intercultural values.

### Vision Statement

The vision of BAC is to unite the people of Bangladeshi origin in North America by providing a permanent physical location to display, demonstrate and represent Bangladeshi culture and heritage. BAC will also provide physical facilities where ideas can be shared and exchanged to promote and increase understanding of diversity and peaceful integration; pursue and achieve common goals within the framework of BAH constitution.

### Core Values

- BAC shall be open to all freedom loving people
- BAC shall promote and uphold the culture, heritage, and values of Bangladesh in North America
- BAC shall to preserve, stimulate and promote respect for cultural diversity and intercultural values
- BAC shall uphold the values stated in the BAH constitution
- BAC shall maintain true transparency in all of its financial accounts
- BAC shall be governed by a democratic process; where the majority shall rule but the difference of opinions will be respected
- BAC shall remain non-political and secular
- BAC shall not allow any fundamentalism, cult, or fanaticism of any kind.

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### Multicultural Gala

November 15, 2013 at Crowne Plaza Houston Galleria  
Program Sequence *(Subject to change without notice)*

**5:30PM: Social**

**6:45pm: Opening Ceremony**

US Air Force Presents Color Guards

Bangladesh National Anthem

US National Anthem by Elsik Choir Team

BAH Official Video and Remarks

Introduction of Gala Chair by Emcee Cynthia Cisneros

Speech by Gala Chair Mr. Shahid Ullah

Speech by Chief Guest Congressman Steve Stockman

Speech by Special Guest Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

Speech by Councilman Al Hoang

Speech by BAC Clinic Director Dr. Amirul Islam

Speech by BAC Corporate Fundraising Chair Dr. Selina Ahmed

Speech by BAC Fundraising Chair Mr. Arun Roy

Speech by BAC Advisory Chair Mr. Hasan Rahman

Speech by Ms. Mississippi 2013

**8:15PM Dinner**

Guitar Performance by Eric Gracia

Multicultural Presentations

Bangladesh Center Auditorium Naming Auction

Music by Fakir Shahbuddin

Program ends with Dhol Performance

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### Congratulations! BAH Wins \$10,000, Corporate Grant!

Out of 30,000 qualified charities, Bangladesh Association became Top 196 charities to receive \$10,000 grant, sponsored by the JP. Morgan Chase & Co.

In the Chase Community Giving 2012 program, our volunteers and social network friends, from around the globe worked around the clock to ensure Bangladesh Association gets enough votes to share in the \$5 million dollars grant and it did! They really made us feel proud. As a result of this massive social media campaign, Bangladesh Association is now a brand name around the world.

#### *Letter from Chase Community Giving Program.*

Congratulations on your charity being one of the Top 196 organizations in the Chase Community Giving Fall 2012 program!

This year we decided to change things up and allowed Chase customers and employees to nominate their favorite charities. Each participating organization had the chance to share how their cause impacts the communities they serve. Some shared their organization's mission, while others shared stories, video and images to make the most compelling case for their organization. Out of nearly 30,000 charity nominations, your organization's enthusiasm and creativity paid off!

Thank you for your participation in the Chase Community Giving program and congratulations again for motivating so many participants to vote for your cause. We will be in touch over the next couple of weeks with further details and next steps on how to receive your grant from Chase. We applaud the important work your organization is doing and look forward to hearing how these funds will help further your cause.

Chase Community Giving grew out of our firm's belief in giving individuals and communities a voice in corporate philanthropy, opening the doors for small charities across the country. We thank you for joining us in our efforts to inspire this new way of giving and hope that the global visibility provided to your organizations will help advance your missions and attract new supporters for years to come.

Warm Regards,  
The Chase Community Giving Team



Shah Haleem  
Chairperson  
Bangladesh Association



The simple answer to “Why Association” is...because in this distant land we individually and collectively have an utmost obligation to the future of our culture and to the well-being of everyone who’s DNA is imprinted with it.

Yes, the reasons are both emotional as well as practical. It’s emotional as in erecting a monument with a meaning. The essence of our dream BAC is to be the center of honor for our culture. It’s practical as in building a civic institution for common good. The Center will provide a much-needed, critical infrastructure that would foster the continuation and growth of our cultural heritage. It’ll pave the way for so many services to meet current and future needs of the community. Make no mistake, the benefits of the Center will be directly enjoyed by or indirectly shower upon all community members, plus their kids and grandkids, whether they actively participate or simply watch from the sideline.

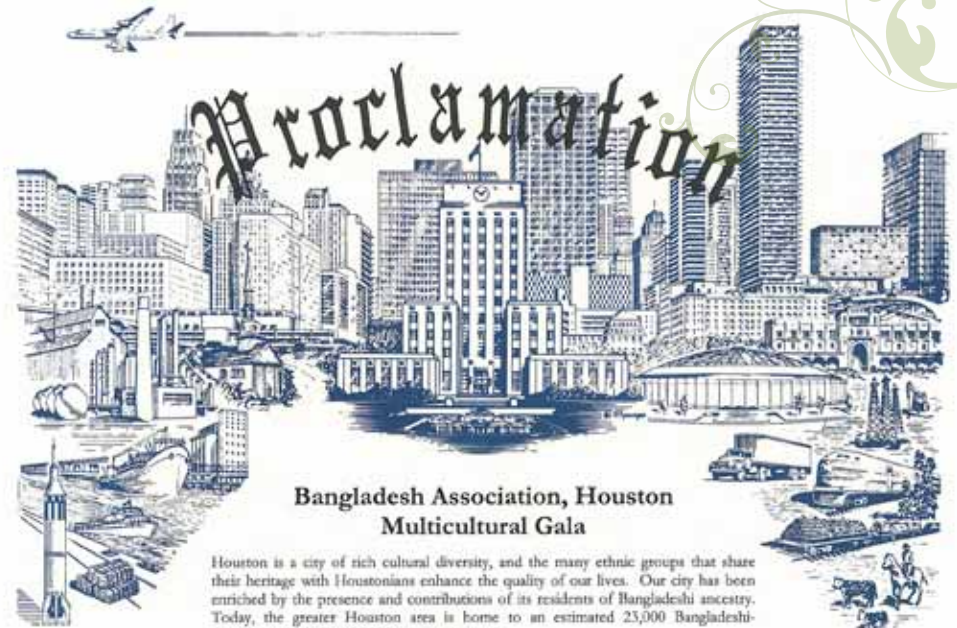
Today we have the options to support so many worthy causes with our limited resources. We need to wisely balance between curing short-term crisis versus making long-term impact. Let’s be forward-looking and carry out our Bangladeshi conscience and obligations, instead of being distracted by any bump that might hinder progress.

To be or not to be involved is the big question. How you answer it is a matter of personal choice. While direct financial contribution is most needed at this stage, there are many ways to help. We can only hope that you come forward with whatever warmth of the heart and fire in the belly that you might possess. Let’s take our community to new heights, let’s write a new chapter of history as responsible stewards of a place where social services of a community can be provided.

Let’s focus on top 5 things that we can achieve together

1. Help the needy families and perform other social services
2. Build Bangladesh-American Center
3. Uphold of our values and cultural heritage including running Bangla Patshala
4. Promote sports and games for healthy lifestyles
5. Establish permanent free social BAC Clinic for uninsured

We hope we can count on your support. Please join my team as together we can make this a progressive community.



### Bangladesh Association, Houston Multicultural Gala

Houston is a city of rich cultural diversity, and the many ethnic groups that share their heritage with Houstonians enhance the quality of our lives. Our city has been enriched by the presence and contributions of its residents of Bangladeshi ancestry. Today, the greater Houston area is home to an estimated 23,000 Bangladeshi-Americans, including 5,000 business owners in.

**Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH)** is a nonprofit association established in 1978 to cherish, promote and share the ideals and rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh with Houstonians. Since its inception, the Association and its members have had a longstanding tradition of supporting local communities within the greater Houston area.

**BAH** provides free medical services to members, raises funds toward addressing societal issues in Bangladesh and helps assist with disaster relief efforts. **BAH** also provides educational and business seminars, immigration services, sponsors mobile consular services, provides counseling for women, and offers the Zee Memorial Fund, which offers loans or donations to low-income community members for financial emergencies.

On November 15, 2013, **Bangladesh Association, Houston** will be hosting a multicultural gala to celebrate 35 years of success. The gala will include a social hour, networking opportunity, and reception followed by dinner, speeches, fashion shows, an auction and live entertainment for all attendees.

THEREFORE, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim November 15, 2013, as

### Bangladesh Association, Houston Multicultural Gala Day

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

Annise D. Parker  
Mayor of the City of Houston

## Greetings from the Gala Chair

November 15, 2013

Bangladesh Association – Houston  
Mr. Shah Haleem  
Dr. Nizam Meah



Warmest Greetings to the Bangladesh Association – Houston!

As this year's Gala Chair and Keynote Speaker, I am honored to be a small part of such a wonderful event as the Bangladesh Association - Houston's Annual Multicultural Gala.

Being one of the 15,000 Bangladeshi American living and working in the greater Houston area, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Association for shining the spotlight on our rich cultural heritage.

For over 35 years, the Association has brought attention to the outstanding contributions of the remarkable men and women of Bangladeshi ancestry that live and work among us in our Houston communities while, at the same time, extending a hand to those in need.

Building the first Bangladesh Multi-Cultural Center in North America is exactly the kind of bold thinking that makes immigrants valuable to an already thriving diverse population.

Let me salute you on being the first of our heritage to promote cooperation, tolerance, and understanding in this communal way here in the United States.

My very best wishes to all for a successful Gala and a shared dream come true.

Kindest regards,

Shahid Ullah  
Gala Chair & Keynote Speaker  
President, Afren Resources



Governor Rick Perry



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to welcome you to the Bangladesh Association, Houston's Multicultural Gala.

Texas reflects a unique blend of cultures, each of which has contributed significantly to making our state what it is today. Through the years, Bangladeshi-Americans have enriched Texas' identity with the beautiful traditions and diverse heritage they brought from their homelands. I am proud to extend my appreciation for your many contributions to the Lone Star State.

As you gather, I hope you will enjoy the company of old friends as you celebrate your organization's successes and plan for a bright future ahead.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Rick Perry  
Governor



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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AL GREEN  
9th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
HOUSTON, TEXAS



November 15, 2013

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend greetings the Bangladesh Association, Houston on its Annual Multicultural Gala. On behalf of the constituents of the Ninth Congressional District of Texas, I salute all organizers and participants on their dedication to making this a memorable event.

With great enthusiasm, I applaud the BAH Gala attendees and supporters for their 35 years of commitment to promoting the culture of the Bangladesh community as well as the friendship between the United States and Bangladesh. I congratulate you on this momentous occasion.

I look forward to continue working with the Bangladesh Association, Houston on future endeavors and to serving you well as a Member of Congress. Best wishes to all for an exciting and enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Al Green  
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the 29th Congressional District of Texas, it is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to the Board of Directors, Gala Chair, Host Committee, members, family, and friends of the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) on the occasion of its annual Multicultural Gala.

Tonight we celebrate and thank the BAH and the Bangladeshi-American community for its contributions to our great city. The BAH has been promoting and sharing the ideals and rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh to the people of Houston for 35 years, adding a valuable piece to our city's renowned diversity and economic and innovative dynamism.

Thank you again and best wishes to all for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

Gene Green  
Member of Congress





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November 5, 2013



**Message**

I am pleased to know that the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) will be hosting a Multicultural Gala involving a number of countries and nationalities to celebrate 35 years of its success on November 15, 2013 in Houston, Texas. On this joyous occasion, I would like to convey my sincere *greetings and felicitations* to all the members and associates of *BAH*.

Since its establishment as a non-profit organization in 1978, *BAH* has been doing a commendable job to promote the ideals and culture of the Bangladeshi heritage and incorporate them among Houstonians. It is heartening to note that they have an impressive track record of more than three decades now in community development activities including, among others, supporting the "Mayor's International and Development Council", providing free medical services to the greater Houston community, organizing cultural events involving diverse cultural groups and promoting education. They are also playing an important role as a liaison between Bangladesh Diaspora and local congressmen as well as various state, and federal agencies. I would encourage them to engage more deeply into the mainstream US politics and community development affairs in days ahead.

I am delighted to know that *BAH* is going to publish its annual magazine "The Connection" as part of the celebration. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the publication committee members for their initiatives and hard work.

I wish the Multicultural Gala event organized by *BAH* a grand success.

Akramul Qader



AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DHAKA, BANGLADESH

October 25, 2013

Dear Members of the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH):

I wish you great success in your annual Multicultural Gala celebrating 35 years of promoting culture, education, and healthcare in the greater-Houston area. BAH, like many Bangladeshi-American organizations in the United States, is a shining example of what makes America great – a diversity of cultural heritage.

Bangladeshis are truly exceptional people. I know of no other people who are as energetic, dynamic, creative, generous and resilient as are the people of Bangladesh. Everywhere I go, I find Bangladeshis brimming with optimism as they work so hard to build a new Bangladesh, a Middle-Income Bangladesh, the *Sonar Bangla*.

These same wonderful character traits are alive and well in the Bangladeshi-American community, and everyone else who is passionate about Bangladesh. I hope that you, the Bangladeshi-American community, are also considering broadening and deepening the U.S.-Bangladesh relationship, building stronger cultural and economic ties between our two countries.

I encourage you, the bright, energetic, and innovative Bangladeshi Americans – entrepreneurs, academics, and professionals – to visit Bangladesh and see *Sonar Bangla* firsthand. When you visit, you will see that people-to-people linkages are the strength of the U.S.-Bangladesh partnership, and you will see that you have a role to play in expanding the historic ties between our great countries.

Sincerely,

Dan Mozena



Welcome!

As the county Judge of Harris County, I am honored to welcome you to the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) Multicultural Gala to be celebrated on November 15, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Galleria.

BAH was established 35 years ago to promote and share the rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh with fellow residents of Harris County. This one-night event will offer guests a magical evening filled with food and entertainment.

Enjoy the Gala!

Cordially,

Ed Emmett



## Chris Daniel

Harris County District Clerk

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Bangladesh Association  
Houston, TX

Greetings to the Bangladesh Association, Houston,

I want to congratulate the Bangladesh Association, Houston for its 42 years of stellar work in Harris County!

It is my understanding that as a non-profit, you have done much during that time to increase understanding of the Bangladesh's rich cultural heritage, an effort that I applaud.

And the association also has carried out much laudable work in the areas of education and healthcare. Hats off to you!

With 23,000 Houstonians of Bangladeshi heritage, Bangladeshi-Americans are just one of the groups that makes Houston the most multi-cultural of America's great cities.

I oversee jury service in Harris County, and I want to encourage all Bangladeshi-Americans who are citizens to honor requests for jury service. When everybody shows up for jury service, we get true juries of peers.

May your community prosper in the coming months and years!

Sincerely,

Chris Daniel  
Harris County District Clerk

“ Message from Gala Emcee -Cynthia Cisneros”




At ABC13, we are dedicated to embracing our neighbor’s needs as well as respecting their cultures, beliefs and personal choices. It is a challenge we take seriously and work every day to accomplish. Reaching out to the many groups, communities and individual folk continues to be a priority at ABC13. We are honored to be welcomed by the Bangladesh Association, Houston and look forward to a long, productive and happy relationship. I challenge everyone here to seek out someone you’ve never met and personally welcome them.

Cynthia Cisneros / VP, Community Affairs




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I am pleased to congratulate the Bangladesh Association, Houston on their 42 years of outstanding work and service to the community.

As we all know, Houston is a city of immense cultural diversity. Our city has been enriched by the presence and contributions of citizens from around the world, including nearly 23,000 residents in our area of Bangladeshi heritage.



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October 22, 2013

Mr. Shah Haleem  
Chair, Bangladesh Association

Dr. Nizam Meah  
Director, Bangladesh-American Center  
Houston, Texas

Dear Gentlemen:

As a longtime friend of the community, I am indeed proud of the progress of the Bangladesh Association in promoting the welfare of persons of Bangladeshi ancestry. From a handful of students in the 1970’s, the community has seen tremendous growth producing outstanding professionals, business leaders and educators.

Congratulations on this milestone.

It is of no surprise to me that the first Bangladesh Community Center in North America is being built in Houston.

My best wishes for your continued success.

Very truly yours,

Gordon Quan

Co-Chair, FosterQuan LLP  
Former Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member, City of Houston

## Greetings from Council Dr. Nuran Nabi



Dear Friends,

Assalamo Alaikum.

I feel humbled and honored by your kind invitation to be a guest to Bangladesh Association of Houston's first Multicultural Gala on November 15, 2013.

I would like to congratulate the organizing committee for holding such a unique event where distinguished guests from across the state and nation will join your community specially to savor the traditional foods and multicultural shows performed by local and Bangladeshi artists.

As we all know that Bangladeshi American community in Houston are growing fast; and you let know your presence to the main stream community in various ways.

As a Freedom Fighter of Bangladesh liberation war, I feel proud to see that world community knows more about Bangladesh and it's culture day by day; and BAH is playing an important role to achieve this goal by organizing such a Multicultural Gala.

This kind of event will promote to bridge the gap between different ethnic and cultural background of Americans by building a common platform between the different social segments. America being a multicultural country with a combination of people from all over the globe, harmonious relation between the people is the precondition for a stable and prosperous nation where everybody can contribute to build a harmonious and peaceful nation.

In order to build a better future for us and our future generation, common harmony between different ethnic societies is the top priority, and this will alleviate the future relations between all the people living in our society. A perfect blend between different segments of American society will benefit the nation as a whole. I am sure that Bangladesh Association of Houston's first Multicultural Gala will just achieve the above goal.

I wish your event a great success.

With kindest regards.

Nuran Nabi, PhD  
Councilman, Plainsboro Township, NJ

## Greetings from Chairperson of Corporate Fund Raising Committee Dr. Selina Ahmed



Greetings:

Congratulation to BAH- BAC for completing Phase I of the multiphase construction! As we all know "Rome was not Built in a Day" and our center will not be the exception either! However, we must work together and harder to build this multicultural center soon so that we can serve our community better. The generous support from our community members and corporates helped us get the project going. If we work together, building BAC is an achievable goal and we are counting on you for your support!

Sincerely,

Selina Ahmed



2013 GREETING MESSAGE:

Annette and I know that this year's Bangladesh Associates Houston's Multicultural Gala will be the best ever. Thirty-five years of celebrating your commitment and involvement in Houston is most admirable – You are to be commended! Houston is the most multicultural and diverse city in America. Bangladeshis are an integral part of the fabric of Houston and have played a significant role in making Houston what it is.

November 15 will be a magical evening filled with fun, excitement and fulfillment. We wish you all the best and look forward to enjoying the evening with you.

Jim & Annette Edmonds  
Fellow Houstonians

# Greetings from Federation of Bangladeshi Associations in North America (FOBANA)



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October 24, 2013

Shah Haleem  
Chairperson  
Bangladesh Association of Houston  
Houston, Texas



Chairman  
Mahmud Musharraf Husain



Executive Secretary  
Azadul Haq

Dear Mr. Haleem,

Congratulations to Bangladesh Association team for their outstanding effort in organizing the Multicultural GALA evening at Houston to raise awareness and fund for the community center for all Bangladeshis in Houston. Bangladesh Association is a leading example and model organization for all community organizations in USA. We watch your activities with great interest and we always promote your success stories with other Bangladeshi organizations within FOBANA family.

As the umbrella organization for Bangladeshi Associations across North America, FOBANA is progressing steadily in building a purposeful network of non resident Bangladeshis. Bangladesh Association Houston has been a part of our journey from the beginning and we look forward to have a continuing relationship.

We wish you a grand success in your GALA evening and we look forward to see a large entourage from Bangladesh participating in FOBANA 2014 which will be held in Los Angeles next year.

Sincerely,

**Chairman**

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Greetings:

Ever since Bangladesh Association Houston's establishment in 1978, it has taken its mission of cherishing, promoting and sharing the ideals and rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh with fellow Houstonians very seriously. In the 35 years it has come a long way and has par-taken in many projects and activities that has helped both the people of Bangladesh and nonresident Bangladeshis living in the USA.

When I was in Houston earlier this year in May as Chairman of FOBANA for the unification meeting which lead to the signing of the historical Houston Accord, I had the opportunity to visit this establishment and see with my own eyes the great work they are doing.

I am indeed very proud to be associated with the hardworking, dedicated and wonderful people that lead this organization. I want to thank all of you for supporting BAH as they get closer to their dream of completing the construction work on their own building. It is a very ambitious project BAH has undertaken and with its completion, BAH will be the first Bangladeshi-based organization in the USA to have its very own premises.

I wish BAH and its Board of Directors all the success and I hope that they will continue to achieve new standards.

Regards,

Rehan Reza

Vice Chair -Kansas Democratic Party (2nd congressional District)

FOBANA Chairman (2012-2013)

## Greetings from BAC Clinic Director



**Mohammed Amirul Islam, MD, FACC**  
Consultant Cardiologist  
Board Certified in Adult Cardiology,  
Board Certified in Echocardiography,  
Board Certified in Nuclear Cardiology,  
Board Certified in Adult Internal Medicine

Practicing in Texas over 10 years.  
Graduated with Scholarly position in Rajshahi Board, BD

### Why BAC clinic:

As Salamu Alaikum. A community like ours, has people of all aspects. Some of us just not have the privilege to access medical care promptly. Some afraid of language barrier. This is true as well for cross culture in the locality of our BAC center. A free clinic is an excellent tool to reach those people and to cross the barrier. I am very thrilled that, our BAC entrepreneurship with assistance and support of personnel and sponsors have accomplished this social role in past years. We are optimistic that, this effort will continue in full effect in future, that is where we come as community together.

We Bangladeshi Americans, are a good crowd in Houston. Helping a person in need, is not an one way act. It always gives return multifold. I am proud of all our community leaders to arrange this mighty effort. May Allah bless America, and good evening to all.

Thanks.



American Chamber of Commerce  
in Bangladesh (AmCham)

Aftab ul Islam  
President



October 24, 2013

### Message

I am delighted to know that the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) will be hosting a Multicultural Gala on November 15, 2013 in Houston, U.S.A. to celebrate their 35 years of success with many other nationalities to promote Culture, Education and Healthcare.

Bangladesh and the United States enjoy excellent economic, political, social and cultural relationship. There remain huge opportunities to take this relationship to its next level for the mutual benefit of both the nations.

I am pleased to learn that BAH cherishes, promotes and shares the ideals and rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh with their fellow Houstonians and is also deeply engaged in supporting the local communities of Greater Houston. Their program of sharing cultural and educational knowledge with the students through their free Sunday school is a remarkable initiative in addition to their various other community services.

I highly appreciate all the activities of the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) and wish their forthcoming Multicultural Gala event a resounding success.

Aftab ul Islam, FCA

## Meet Our Gala Chair



### Mr. Shahid Ullah

President, Afren Resources USA INC.  
Executive Director of Afren PLC  
Gala Chairperson

Mr. Shahid Ullah Delivered UT –Austin 2013 Spring Commencement Keynote . Shahid Ullah is president of Afren Resources USA Inc. and executive director of Afren PLC, an independent upstream oil and gas exploration and production company.

With nearly 30 years of experience in the international energy sector and investment banking prior to joining Afren, Ullah has held senior management positions at Western Atlas International Inc., Baker Hughes Inc., Randall & Dewey Inc. and Jefferies. He was also the founding president and director of Brass Exploration Unlimited and an inaugural executive of PetroAlliance, a Russian-American joint venture.

Ullah holds a degree in petroleum engineering from The University of Texas at Austin and received executive development training at the University of Oxford and London Business School. He is a member of the Engineering Advisory Board of the Cockrell School of Engineering, and he has facilitated academic cooperation between The University of Texas at Austin and several international universities. He is the first Cockrell School alumnus to receive both the Outstanding Young Engineering Graduate (1997) and the Distinguished Engineering Graduate (2012) awards.

Recognizing Ullah's passion for and belief in philanthropy, The University of Texas System Board of Regents established the Shahid and Sharon Ullah Excellence Fund in International Engineering Education in 2006, an endowed chair in the Department of Petroleum Engineering in 2013, as well as the Afren Management Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Engineering in 2011. Other UT entities have also benefited from his support, including the university's College of Liberal Arts, Department of Theatre and Dance, the Longhorn Foundation and the Department of Human Ecology. Ullah has also supported Interfaith of The Woodlands, Teach for America, and company sponsorships of Projects for Underserved Communities in Ghana, as well as the Longhorn Challenge for Developing Communities.

Ullah's wife, Sharon, is a UT Austin graduate with a degree from the College of Natural Sciences. Their son Zachary graduated from the university in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in engineering and Plan II Honors, and their daughter Lorena will graduate from the university in 2014 with a degree in education.

## Meet Our Chief Guest



### Steve Stockman

Member of Congress

Steve Stockman was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives on November 6, 2012, with a vision of limited government, strong support for American families, and a robust national defense.

Rep. Stockman serves the people of the 36th Congressional District of Texas, which was created as a result of the 2010 census and includes the counties of Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, Tyler, and portions of southeastern Harris County.

The district is home to NASA's Johnson Space Center, the research and training facility for all manned space exploration and the location of the popular Mission Control Center. As a member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Rep. Stockman highlights the importance of a vigorous space exploration program to keep the U.S. at the forefront of space technology.

The district also contains the highest number per capita of oil and gas refineries and downstream petrochemical plants in the world. Rep. Stockman is working for commonsense regulatory relief for the nation's oil and gas industries, which will lead to less dependence on foreign oil and more American jobs. The completion of the Keystone XL pipeline, for instance, will lead to the creation of tens of thousands of new employment opportunities.



## Major Activities of Bangladesh Association throughout the year

- Fund raising for Bangladesh-American Center
- International Mother Language Day (IMLD) celebration
- Youth activities and educational seminars
- Free Medical Clinic
- Bangla School and literature activities
- Bangladesh Mobile Consular Services
- Emergency Fund for those in need during unforeseen emergency
- Bangladesh Independence Day Program and Festivities
- Bangladesh Victory Day Program and Festivities
- Picnics and outdoor activities
- Bangla New Year Celebration (Boishakhi Mela, Rabindra/NazrulJayanti)
- Magazine Publication
- Sports activities and competition (Tennis, Basketball, Bridge, Table Tennis)
- Children Sports Activities
- Graduate Reception

## Achievements of Bangladesh Association, Houston

| Year | Major Initiatives and Achievements  |
|------|---|
| 1978 | Established Bangladesh Association, Houston   |
| 1984 | Bangladesh head of state visited Houston and inaugurated a trade show with trade delegates lead Hossain Md. Ershad. City of Houston provided a stately protocol |
| 1989 | Received 501 c (3) statuses from IRS  |
| 1989 | Held Seminar on Flood Prevention in Bangladesh  |
| 1990 | BAH started a very successful weekend Bangla school   |
| 1990 | Co-hosted 1990 FOBANA Convention in Dallas  |
| 1991 | Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$120,000.00  |
| 1996 | Bangladesh-American Center formation dialogue initiated   |
| 1998 | Launched Bangladesh Association website <a href="http://www.bangladesh-association.com">www.bangladesh-association.com</a>                                      |
| 1998 | Bangladesh-American Center formation dialogue formally launched   |
| 1998 | Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$50,000.00   |
| 1999 | Established emergency fund "Zee Memorial Fund" for helping needy families   |
| 1999 | Celebration of 100th Birthday of Kazi Nazrul Islam  |
| 2000 | Amendments to the BAH constitution  |
| 2000 | Celebrated the first International Mother Language Day (IMLD) in Houston and continued the event every year. Since then representative from over 20             |

countries

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|      | joined in the celebration. Houston Mayor proclaimed the Day as International Mother Language Day (IMLD)   |
| 2001 | Held prayer vigil, raised fund for victims of 9/11 tragedy. Worked with federal, state and local officials to raise awareness for peace and harmony   |
| 2001 | BAH organized 27 community meetings for Bangladesh Center strategy and fundraising  |
| 2002 | Bought 3.99 acres land for \$137,000 to build Bangladesh-American Center  |
| 2002 | His Excellency Syed Hasan Ahmad, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to USA visited Houston   |
| 2002 | The Coalition for Peace in South Asia - a Rally in front of the Houston City Hall to stop the imminent war between India & Pakistan   |
| 2002 | BAH organized 14 events during the fiscal year 2002   |
| 2003 | His Excellency Syed Hasan Ahmad, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to USA visited Houston   |
| 2003 | Sent proposal to Bangladesh Embassy to offer Mobile Consulate Services in North America. Bangladesh Embassy started this service in 2004  |
| 2003 | Bangladesh Association By-Laws reviewed and approved  |
| 2003 | Raised \$5,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped Musa family. Also worked with the parties involved to have Late Musa's house completely paid off and helped secure the families future housing needs  |
| 2003 | Bangladesh-American Center established 1150 sq ft office with nice patio to accommodate BAH activities while the center project is underway. This facility is used regularly for BAH meetings, rehearsals, tournaments, etc. and also rented to other Bangladeshis for various events |
| 2003 | Bangladesh Association joined the Houston Mayor's International Affairs and Development Council (MIADC) and continued the membership since then   |
| 2003 | BAH organized 23 events during the fiscal year 2003   |
| 2004 | Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$35,000  |
| 2004 | Raised \$2,050 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped Mustafizur Rahman and Lamiya fund   |
| 2004 | Sent a proposal to the Government of Bangladesh to recognize foreign citizens who had contributed as Freedom Fighters for our Liberation War.   |
| 2004 | BAH organized 22 events during the fiscal year 2004   |
| 2005 | Started a campaign "Bring the honorable remains of Late Bir Shrestho Flight Lieutenant Matiur Rahman"   |
| 2005 | Successfully hosted North America Bangla Literature and Cultural Convention. Texas Governor Rick Perry, and Houston Mayor Bill White proclaimed the Convention  |
| 2005 | Organized fundraising for Victims of Hurricane Katrina and raised \$4,500, donated computers, procured medical attention and supply, housing to house the displaced, providing rides and other services as needed.  |
| 2005 | Worked with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee to raise funds and other necessities for the Tsunami victims.  |



- 2005 BAH organized 24 events during the fiscal year 2005
- 2006 Since 2006, Bangladesh Association is serving as a liaison between our community and the U.S. Justice Department, and various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, like FBI, HPD, Airport Security, etc. and discusses issues and concerns to find solutions that relates to our community. These interactions provide us a forum to discuss community concerns and work towards greater understanding.
- 2006 Raised \$1,400 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped the Russell Family
- 2006 BAH organized 25 events during the fiscal year 2006
- 2007 Organized Arsenic problem awareness and fundraising. Developed web site and raised \$3,500
- 2007 Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$100,000
- 2007 Raised \$18,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped three families in crisis
- 2007 BAH organized 28 events during the fiscal year 2007
- 2008 Organized fundraising for Bangladesh flood victims and raised \$41,000
- 2008 Nobel laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus visited Houston and met community members
- 2008 BAH/ BAC was listed as North American Bangladeshi organization under dissemination list about Diabetes. National Diabetes Education Program and CDC together produced and translated the Following Book let into Bengali. "4 Steps to Control Your Diabetes for Life". BAH distributed the booklet in 2009 during FOBANA convention
- 2008 BAH organized 24 events during the fiscal year 2008
- 2009 BAH built a partnership with M.D. Anderson under Minority Cancer Research with health disparity program to start South Asian protocol for various cancers
- 2009 Raised \$2300 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped families in crisis
- 2009 Successfully hosted first major Bangladeshi Convention in Houston - FOBANA
- 2009 Houston Mayor Bill White proclaimed July 2, 3, and 4 as the FOBANA Day Honored Freedom Fighters  
Displayed Mobile Bangladesh Liberation War Museum in coordination with Bangladesh Liberation War Museum  
Declared 'Houston Declaration against Genocide'
- 2009 BAH organized 22 events during the fiscal year 2009
- 2010 Sent proposal to UN Mission to declare Shaheed Minar to be recognized as a symbol of the International Mother Language Day
- 2010 Nobel laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus was formally invited to the ground breaking ceremony of the Bangladesh-American Center during his Houston visit
- 2010 His Excellency Akramul Qader, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to USA visited Bangladesh-American Center
- 2010 His Excellency Ambassador Akramul Qader unveiled the newly designed Bangladesh Association, Houston web site (<http://www.bangladesh-association.com>)
- 2010 His Excellency Ambassador Akramul Qader unveiled the newly designed Shohid Minar with deck and stage on the Bangladesh-American Center land
- 2010 Bangladesh Association, Houston's history and achievements published
- 2010 BAH organized 26 events during the fiscal year 2010
- 2011 BAH membership reached 3000
- 2011 First BAC Donor Conference: Raised over \$250,000
- 2011 Received the best organization in North America award given by FOBANA
- 2011 Raised \$10,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped families in crisis
- 2011 BAC Fundraising event -Raised over \$28k in pledges and collections.
- 2011 Partnered with Houston Food Bank for Winter Food Drive
- 2011 BAC Fundraising team hosted 12 house parties (no cost to BAC) to promote BAC
- 2011 BAH organized 30 events during the fiscal year 2011
- 2012 Established fee Clinic at BAC Campus
- 2012 BAC Groundbreaking Ceremony inaugurated by Ambassador Akramul Qader
- 2012 BAH lost it's one of the longest serving Volunteer MR Chowdhury Nantu
- 2012 Plea to unify the community honoring late MR Chowdhury Nantu's vision
- 2012 Historic Achievement of BAC Construction Contract Signed with TRZ Company.
- 2012 Bangladesh Center construction began on Monday, July 2nd 2012: "Our journey continues"
- 2012 BAH was among top 196 charities and Received \$10,000 from Chase Community Giving Program
- 2012 2nd BAC Annual Donor Conference and raised \$35,000
- 2012 Constitution Review Committee was formed
- 2012 BAH Board of Directors Election 2012
- 2012 BAH organized 24 events during the fiscal year 2012
- 2013 BAC Interactive lunch fund raising meeting -raised over \$37,000
- 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Day at BAC
- 2013 Artist Rajib Siddiqui's First Ever Sculpture "Victory of Bangladesh 1971" to be installed at Bangladeshi-American Center
- 2013 FOBANA Leadership from North America visited BAC
- 2013 BAH production Bangla Natok "Shubochon Nirbashoney" staged
- 2013 Raised \$7,000 under "Zee Memorial Fund" and helped families in crisis
- 2013 First ever Multi-Cultural Gala to raise fund for Bangladesh-American Center
- 2013 Benefit concert for Savar Victims joint by all Houstonian
- 2013 Jan 1 - Nov 7 together we raised over \$150,000
- 2013 Phase 1 of Bangladesh-American Center has been completed (completion of metal walls and metal roof)
- 2013 BAH organized 25 events during the fiscal year 2013



# 4 Simple Reasons Why We Are Building Our Community Center

## 1 CULTURE

We need to provide a permanent facility to showcase the best in our culture and heritage. We need a stage, a platform for our younger generation to perform and compete.



## 2 HEALTH

We need a facility from where we can provide affordable if not free healthcare services to the needy ones. The facility will also be used for preventive care such as health screening, immunization, seminar, counseling in multiple languages.



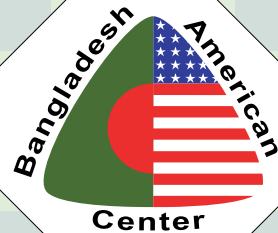
## 3 EDUCATION

We need a facility to hold weekend schools for teaching language, music and arts. There is no better option for our children but to learn from our own teachers in a family oriented safe environment with a sports complex near by. Our community center will provide just that.



## 4 SPORTS

Healthy lifestyle and sports are tied together. To promote healthy and active lifestyle our community center will provide multitude of services. Kids soccer, tennis, basketball, badminton, jogging and walking trails will be the main features.



## “Victory of Bangladesh 1971”

*A 17-foot statue copper is coming soon to  
Bangladesh-American Center*

*Decorative flourish*



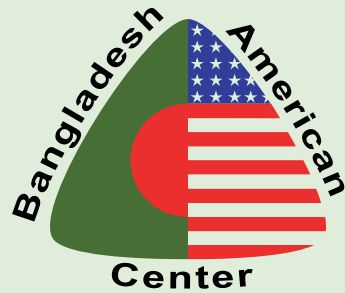
HOUSTON – Mr. Rajib Siddique - an internationally renowned sculptor and artist has designed and built a 17-foot statue to signify the friendship and peace in culminating the true spirit of freedom in portraying the “Victory of Bangladesh 1971” statue . He was assisted by another renowned sculptor, Ms. Stephanie Cox along with few other artists. This 17-foot statue is made of “cold copper casting” and was built near Austin, Texas, over the past 2 years. On one side of the statue displays the bravery of a freedom fighter of 1971 and the other side represents the mutual friendship and multi-cultural bridge between Bangladesh and the USA. About 9 months ago, a Texan resident Mr. Manzur Morshed Manzil coordinated to find a permanent location for the “Statue of Victory”. Mr. Morshed worked with the Chairperson of Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH), Mr. Shah Haleem and then Bangladesh American Center (BAC) Director, Mr. Hasan Rahman, to determine the resting place of the statue. It was later decided to be placed near the main entrance of the Bangladesh American Center.

This Statue of Victory of Bangladesh 1971 will be the icon of mutual friendship and multi-cultural bridge between USA and Bangladesh, like the Statue of Liberty in New York represents the friendship of France and USA. This is the first time such a mutual icon be placed in a foreign soil to represent the tradition of Bangladesh. The BAC infrastructure provides the health clinic, continuing education classes, auditorium, museum, library, and multi-cultural activities. Now the Statue of Victory completes the missing elements to our friendship and the bridge. Sitting on a 4-acre land, it will be the first community-owned non-profit venture in the history of all Bangladeshi-Americans living in the United States.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place soon (will be announced) at 13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX 77083. Many dignitaries will grace this occasion along with leaders from the Bangladeshi-American Community, International Community, and Houston Business Community.

*Decorative flourish*





**As it stands now!!! Needs everyone's support !!!**



| Approach                              | Phase Description  | Cost*                  | Fund Needed          |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Phase I (Q3 2013)<br><b>Completed</b> | Building Pad, STRIPPING SPREAD OUT, FOUNDATION FIRST FLOOR, Foundation Anchor Bolts, BUILDING STEEL, 2nd floor columns, joists, metal floor decking, stairs and metal sheathing, Stair Hand Rails, Erection – Building steel | \$ 446,836.00          | \$ 0.00              |
| Phase II (Q4 of 2013)                 | Land Improvement, Sanitary, Water and Fire Water Lines, Concrete Parking lot, ADA ramp, Irrigation Sleeves, Second floor deck, Storefront doors, SC doors & windows  | \$ 327,300.00          | \$ 305,300.00        |
| Phase III (Q2 2014)                   | Plumbing, Fire Alarm & Sprinkler, Electrical, HVAC, Light Poles  | \$ 237,650.00          | \$ 237,650.00        |
| Phase IV(Q3 2014)                     | Interior Paint/Stain, Sheet Rock, FRP Kitchen, Interior Misc. Glazing (sliding glass and Mirrors)  | \$ 191,295.00          | \$ 191,295.00        |
| Phase V (Q4 2014)                     | Stucco, Stone Masonry, Gutters & Downspouts, Insulation, Toilet room partitions and doors, Crushed Rock Parking lot  | \$ 152,500.00          | \$ 152,500.00        |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 1,355,581.00</b> | <b>\$ 886,745.00</b> |

\* These costs may vary based on the market price at the time of purchase.

## Facts about Bangladesh Association

- Serving the people of Bangladeshi-Americans living in Houston since 1978
- Members vary between 750-3000 families
- Owns a 4 acre land (all paid for) for community center - Bangladesh-American Center
- Successfully held Federation of Bangladeshi Associations in North America (FOBANA) Convention in 2009
- Successfully held North America Bangla Literature and Culture Convention (NABLCC) in 2005
- Celebrates national and international events with other community organizations
- Liaison to the United States Justice Department and FBI and Houston Mayor's International Affairs and International Development
- Closely Work with City, State, and National in variety of community services
- Helps needy family and arrange funeral regardless of membership
- Holds free and fair election every two years
- Secular with respect for all religions
- Received numerous proclamations and citations from city and state
- Email group and website serves as a hub to disseminate information regarding community affairs and emergencies.

The web site <http://www.bangladesh-association.com/>  
Is on #1 spot in Yahoo! and Google search for Bangladesh Association



# Naming Rights Auction & Starting bid price

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**Main Auditorium \$100,000.00**



**Main Lobby Area \$50,000.00**



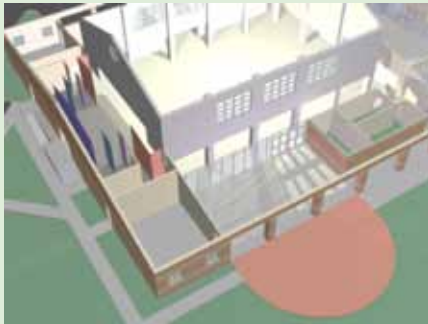
**Sports Complex \$75,000.00**

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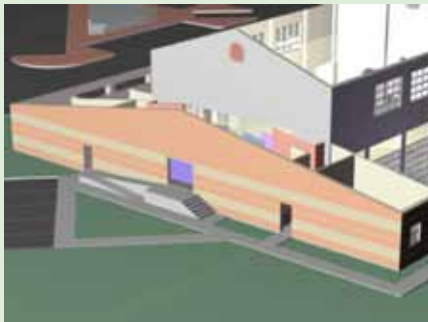
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**Contemplation Room \$50,000.00**



**One Kitchen Area \$40,000.00**



**One Office Room \$25,000.00**

# Naming Rights Auction & Starting bid price

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**Class Room \$25,000.00**



**Meeting Room \$25,000.00**



**Five Parking Spaces \$10,000.00  
each**

## Bangladesh American Center Founding Members

(Donated \$10,000 or more : Time Frame between 2000 & 2013)







## Board of Directors of Bangladesh Association, Houston

2015-2016

| Chairperson             | Vice Chairperson                   | Secretary General                | Director of Finance & Budget             | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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| Your Photo              | Your Photo                         | Your Photo                       | Your Photo                               | Your Photo                         | Your Photo                   | Your Photo                 |
| Your Name               | Your Name                          | Your Name                        | Your Name                                | Your Name                          | Your Name                    | Your Name                  |
| Joint Secretary General | Joint Director of Cultural Affairs | Joint Director of Sports & Games | Joint Director of Organizational Affairs | Coordinator, Soccer & Games        |                              |                            |
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2013-2014

| Chairperson             | Vice Chairperson                   | Secretary General                | Director of Finance & Budget             | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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| Shah Halem (Mitha)      | Khaled Zalliqar Khan               | Nahida Naser Yasmin              | S. M. Zahidul Azad                       | S.M. Halem (Mitha)                 | Syeda Kusum Kati             | Maleque Chowdhury          |
| Joint Secretary General | Joint Director of Cultural Affairs | Joint Director of Sports & Games | Joint Director of Organizational Affairs | Coordinator, Soccer & Games        |                              |                            |
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| Shumona Salauddin       | Dr. Rafiq Khan                     | Ashiqul Talukder                 | Tarvir Shahmohd                          | Monjur Rahman                      |                              |                            |

2011-2012

| Chairperson             | Vice Chairperson                 | Secretary General                  | Director of Finance & Budget             | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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| Arun Roy                | Shah Halem (Mitha)               | Shapnik Khan                       | S. M. Zahidul Azad                       | S.M. Halem (Mitha)                 | Nahida Naser (Yasmin)        | Maleque Chowdhury          |
| Joint Secretary General | Joint Director of Sports & Games | Joint Director of Finance & Budget | Joint Director of Organizational Affairs |                                    |                              |                            |
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| Syed Monowar(Rehmad)    | Ashiqul Talukder                 | Sharar Latif (Bitan)               | Sajedul K Chowdhury (Savag)              |                                    |                              |                            |

2010

| Chairperson                              | Vice Chairperson                         | Secretary General | Director of Finance & Budget | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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| Afzal Ahmed                              | Ahmad Quabli                             | Shamim Ahmed      | Arif Islam (Rubeel)          | Asif Raihan (Pavel)                | Nahida Naser (Yasmin)        | Syed Ash Chowdhury (Rony)  |
| Joint Director of Organizational Affairs | Joint Director of Organizational Affairs |                   |                              |                                    |                              |                            |
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| Shah Mustahidul Halem (Mitha)            | Emran T. Hasan (Tameem)                  |                   |                              |                                    |                              |                            |

2009

| Chairperson             | Vice Chairperson                         | Secretary General                | Director of Finance & Budget | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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| Afzal Ahmed             | Rumana Chowdhury                         | Shamim Ahmed                     | Feroza Yasmin (Trj)          | Asif Raihan (Pavel)                | Nahida Naser (Yasmin)        | Syed Ash Chowdhury (Rony)  |
| Joint Secretary General | Joint Director of Organizational Affairs | Joint Director of Sports & Games |                              |                                    |                              |                            |
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| Shahid Islam Aju        | Shah Mustahidul Halem (Mitha)            | Emran T. Hasan (Tameem)          |                              |                                    |                              |                            |



## Board of Directors of Bangladesh Association, Houston

2007-2008

| Chairperson             | Vice Chairperson                         | Secretary General                  | Director of Finance & Budget         | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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| Afzal Ahmed             | Naimatun Nahar (Foara)                   | Tarique Sena                       | Nurur Khan (Tara)                    | Rumana Chowdhury                   | M. R. Chowdhury (Nanta)      | Abu H. Erhad (Asad)        |
| Joint Secretary General | Joint Director of Organizational Affairs | Joint Director of Cultural Affairs | Joint Director of Finance and Budget |                                    |                              |                            |
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| Shamim Ahmed            | Asif Raihan (Pavel)                      | Abeda Sumin Chowdhury              | Feroza Yasmin                        |                                    |                              |                            |

2005-2006

| Chairperson      | Vice Chairperson | Secretary General | Director of Finance & Budget | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games | Joint Director of Organizational Affairs | Director at Large                              |
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| Selina K. Rahman | Afzal Ahmed      | Mohammad Masoom   | Mozharul Prodhan             | Abdus Sobhan(Moti)                 | Abu Naser (Tieku)            | Atiqul Islam(Rana)         | Sayda Kusum Koli                         | Mahjabeen Kamal                                |
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2003-2004

| Chairperson      | Vice Chairperson | Secretary General | Director of Finance & Budget | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games | Joint Secretary General | Director at Large |
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2001-2002

| Chairperson  | Vice Chairperson | Secretary General | Director of Finance & Budget | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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1997-1998

| Chairperson    | Vice Chairperson | Secretary General | Director of Finance & Budget | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs | Director of Sports & Games |
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1995-1996

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1993-1994

| Chairperson         | Vice Chairperson | Secretary General | Director of Finance & Budget | Director of Organizational Affairs | Director of Cultural Affairs |
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**1991**

|             |                  |                   |                              |                                    |                              |                            |
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**1988-1990**

|                 |                  |                      |                            |                              |
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**1982-1984**

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|                 |               |                  |                     |                          |                 |  |
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|               |            |            |            |
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