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Bangladesh Ambassador urges to uphold secular, progressive and tolerant Bengali cultural identity in the Pohela Baishakh celebrations in Bangkok

“Expatriate Bangladeshis in Thailand are urged to uphold secular, progressive and tolerant Bengali culture and project the positive image of Bangladesh”, said Md. Nazmul Quanine, Bangladesh Ambassador to Thailand and Cambodia at a day-long Bangla New Year Celebrations and ‘Baishakhi Mela’ organized at the Embassy premises in Bangkok today amid much fanfare, festivity and gaiety. The Embassy celebrated ‘Pohela Baishakh’ 1426 with a colourful ‘Boishaki Mela’, festive presentation of deshi Bangla food and a lively cultural show. At the welcome address, Ambassador Quanine paid tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for inculcating Bengali nationalism and cultural identity during the war of 1971 and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for declaring ‘Pahela Boishakh’ as Bengali national festivity.

A large number of expatriate Bangladeshis living in Bangkok and its suburbs and Thai citizens participated at the festivities. The Embassy premises were beautifully decorated resembling all the iconic features of Pahela Baishakh including alpona, ektara, panta ilish, masks of traditional figures as well as homemade deshi ‘pitha’, chotpoti, doibora, etc. The programme started with Mongol Shovajatra. The cultural programme began with ‘Esho he boishakh in chorus. The expatriate Bangladeshi artists and children dressed in colourful red sarees and dresses rendered popular Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Geeti, folk and band songs and performed colourful and popular Bangla dance pieces.

Ambassador Quanine also urged to celebrate the similarities between Bangla and Thai cultures as Thai people also celebrate their New Year celebrations ‘Songkran’ on 13, 14 and 15 April every year. Ambassador wished all Bangalee and Thai people present for a happy and prosperous Bangla New Year and Thai new Year.

