



President's Speech to Ambassador's Dinner

Sunday, May 16, 2020

Mr. Ambassador, on behalf of the Bangladeshi community in Houston, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Houston. I understand that you just came back from Chicago to Washington yesterday after a long trip, and came to Houston today to meet us. That is the true spirit of an Ambassador - we are very happy to find you here.

Houston is not only the 4th largest city in USA, but it is also the largest city of the largest state of the continental USA. Everything is big in Texas, and there are many in Houston.

We have the largest concentration of petrochemical and gas-exploration companies in USA. We also have the largest medical center in the world. And everyone knows about the NASA Johnson Space Center and its mission-control center that controls space flights.

Houston provides a lot of opportunities for both professional and non-professional people and many of us from Bangladesh found our homes here. We have a significant group of doctors, professors, engineers, geologists, and a large pool of IT Professionals. We also have a growing number of successful business entrepreneurs. Many Bangladeshis are moving to Houston to find a better place for living, especially raising children.

Many of us came to this country more than thirty years ago, succeeded in our professional life, and now we are finding ourselves in a different perspective in life. We love our country of origin – Bangladesh, and we want to do something for our country.

Very few individuals by themselves can do something big for a country. However, an organized group can always make a positive impact towards the development of a country. Two years back, I have suggested Bangladesh Embassy to organize doctors, engineers, professors, and other professionals from all over the USA. These professionals can create a force and come up with projects that can bring significant development in various professional fields in Bangladesh.

Today, I am suggesting that like EPZ, Bangladesh government create a special zone in Dhaka such as an "Educational Export Zone," where we can develop professional schools such as Nursing and other educational institutions that will produce professional people directly employable by countries such as USA. As you know there is a high demand of nurses in this country.

Finally, I want to thank you and Bangladesh Embassy for providing consular services to the people of Bangladeshi origin in Houston. It is an extremely beneficial service for us all.

Again, on behalf of the Bangladesh Community, I want to thank you for coming to Houston, and welcome to Houston.

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