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Bishawjit Saha
President, Muktaadhara Foundation, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Saha:

Greetings and best wishes to all my Bengali friends on the occasion of the 2010 International Bangla Festival and Book Fair. I am so pleased that, once again, you have chosen Jackson Heights as your host community. This event will bring together noted Bengali writers, poets and intellectuals, as well as visiting government officials. I know that I, and the entire community, welcome the hundreds of participants, many of whom travel great distances to attend.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Muktaadhara Foundation for the work that you do throughout the year to promote and share the Bengali language and culture throughout our communities. There are millions of Bengali people across the globe. Therefore, preserving your language, art, literature and poetry among the diaspora is most important. I'm sure that the Queens Bengali community, and others like it in this country and elsewhere, share my admiration for the work of the Muktaadhara Foundation.

I am hopeful that I will be able to come by during the festival to welcome you personally. I know the Bangla Festival and Book Fair will be a resounding success again this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'José R. Peralta'.

José R. Peralta
NYS Senate, 13th District

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