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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 21<sup>st</sup> International Bangla Festival and Book Fair.

The Empire State is honored to be home to outstanding organizations that not only serve the cultural and social interests of their own members but also share their wonderfully rich ethnicity with the larger community. The thriving Bangladeshi-American population of New York is both represented and served by the literary and cultural Muktadhara Foundation

I join in commending the exceptionally hard-working volunteers who have put together this celebration of the Bangla language, arts, and letters. The fascinating and intricate music, the inspirational literature and writings, and the warm hospitality of this vibrant culture will not only delight visitors but promote a deeper level of understanding and harmony among all New Yorkers.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for a successful festival.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO