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To all the participants and supporters of the International Bangla Festival:

I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Muktadhara Foundation and the participants of the 21st International Bangla Festival & Book Fair! This event is an important tradition that keeps Bengali communities in North America culturally connected to those in Bangladesh through literature and artistic expression.

As you celebrate the 21st anniversary of the International Bangla Festival, which has grown from the traditional book fairs that the Muktadhara Foundation has organized since 1992, I congratulate you on the wonderful exhibits, speakers and cultural exchanges you celebrate over the three days of the festival. It provides a wonderful opportunity for the more than 1,000 delegates who attend from New York and elsewhere in North America to enjoy cultural music and books and interact with prominent writers and artists from Bangladesh.

I offer my congratulations to the Muktadhara Foundation for its dedication to promoting cultural exchanges between Bengali communities around the world through this annual festival. To all the participants celebrating the International Bangla Festival & Book Fair, I salute you and wish you the best in the future!

Sincerely,

CAROLYN B. MALONEY
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