



The City of New York  
Office of the Mayor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Friends:



It is with great pleasure that I send my congratulations to the executive board, staff and volunteers of the Muktaadhara Foundation and International Bangla Festival 2012.

The Bengali community of New York is strong and vibrant, with a long tradition of contributing to the social fabric of our City.

On behalf of all the residents of New York City, I thank the Muktaadhara Foundation for sharing the Bangla language, literature and culture with our communities.

America is a nation of immigrants and throughout our history, no place has opened its doors more widely to the world than New York. Especially during these challenging times, it is vital that the Muktaadhara Foundation and its partners continue to support the community and share their culture. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fatima Shama".

Fatima Shama  
Commissioner  
NYC Mayor's Office  
of Immigrant Affairs