

THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the International Bangla Festival 2012.

New York has always been known as an international city, a place strengthened by the multitude of peoples that call it home. For more than 20 years, the Muktadhara Foundation has provided New Yorkers of all backgrounds with the chance to experience the sights and sounds of Bangladeshi culture with their annual festival. With literature and creative writing workshops, panel discussions on politics and art, dance performances, and vendors selling everything from books to spices, this event is a terrific opportunity to recognize the many contributions Bangladeshi-Americans make to our City.

We are proud to join the members of the Muktadhara Foundation and all Bangladeshi-Americans as they celebrate this exciting festival. On behalf of the City of New York, I offer my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg

Mayor