



**THE POLICE COMMISSIONER
CITY OF NEW YORK**

June 29, 2012

Dear Friends:

Greetings to everyone attending the 21st International Bangla Festival.

We can all be proud that New York City is home to the largest concentration of Bangladeshi Americans in the nation. The benefits of this are especially evident in Queens, the heart of the city's Bangladeshi community. This three-day festival provides a terrific opportunity for New Yorkers of all backgrounds to recognize the significant contributions of the Bangladeshi people and to share in your rich cultural heritage.

I want to commend the Muktaadhara Foundation for organizing this event and for your ongoing efforts to spread Bengali language, literature and art throughout New York City and the world.

Best wishes for a safe and successful celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond W. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Raymond W. Kelly
Police Commissioner