

United States Senate

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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to join the Muktaadhara Foundation as it hosts the International Bengal Festival & Book Fair, celebrating the traditions and culture of Bangla speakers in North America.

It is a blessing to have the opportunity to congratulate the Muktaadhara Foundation on 23 consecutive years hosting this wonderful display of culture in New York. With a blending of culture and traditions in New York City, the City serves as a perfect backdrop for the three day International Bengal Festival & Book Fair. Thanks to the efforts of the Muktaadhara Foundation, the beautiful Bengali culture and its traditions will be showcased and highlighted within the diverse cultural tapestry that is the New York community. A truly multi-cultural city, New York is the home to many Bengali immigrants and has a vibrant Bengali heritage that continues to promote the reinforcement of their traditions.

I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of the Bengali people and the Muktaadhara Foundation Inc. The Muktaadhara Foundation has worked tirelessly to coordinate International Bengal Festival here in New York for the Bengali community. I applaud the Muktaadhara Foundation for its work, and I am confident that it will continue to impact the lives of Bengali- Americans for years to come.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of all New Yorkers. Best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator