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Muktadhara Foundation 39-25 65th Street, 2E Woodside, New York 11377

Dear Muktadhara Foundation:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all gathered at Muktadhara Foundation's 24th International Bangla Festival & Book Fair.

Muktadhara Foundation has promoted Bengali heritage in North America since 1991. The foundation helps immigrants from Bangladesh and West Bengal acclimate to their new home and maintain Bengali traditions. The Muktadhara Foundation arranges film festivals, cultural programs, and commemorations of International Mother Language Day and has sent Bengali books to twenty-six libraries throughout the United States. The organization also holds an art competition for children so that Bengali art can be introduced to the next generation.

At the International Bangla Festival & Book Fair, guests enjoy workshops, seminars, musical presentations, and books that explore Bengali culture. They are also able to interact with some of the most prominent Bengali authors. This event has been held by Muktadhara Foundation since 1992 and has taken place in Dallas, Los Angeles, and New Jersey. I commend Muktadhara Foundation for its unwavering commitment to supporting diversity by celebrating Bengali heritage.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration and much continued success!

Sincerely,

Grace Meng

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