



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

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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to welcome everyone to the Muktaadhara Foundation's 25th International Bangla Festival and Book Fair.

New York's diverse artistic energy has long inspired and attracted poets and writers from around the world. Since 1992, Muktaadhara Foundation has exemplified this global creative mindset through its annual showcase of Bengali literary works from Bangladesh, India and beyond. Featuring workshops, seminars, handicrafts, music performances and publications from a variety of genres, this wonderful three-day-long event introduces booklovers to new narratives, preserves the rich Bengali linguistic heritage, and unites Bengali-speaking New Yorkers in pride and fellowship. As you celebrate the book fair's milestone anniversary, I commend its organizers and participants for their efforts to promote literacy and enhance the cultural vitality of our great city.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a terrific festival and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor