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

Dear Muktadhara Foundation:

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt greetings to all gathered at Muktadhara Foundation's 25th International Bangla Festival & Book Fair.

Muktadhara Foundation has proudly 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 libraries throughout the United States. The Muktadhara Foundation also holds a special art competition for children so that Bengali art can be introduced to the next generation. At the annual International Bangla Festival & Book Fair, guests enjoy workshops, seminars, musical presentations, and books that explore Bengali culture. Attendees are also able to interact with some of the most prominent Bengali authors.

I am honored to stand with the Muktadhara Foundation in celebrating the vibrant multiculturalism within the borough of Queens and throughout New York City. I congratulate them on 25 years of service to the community and commend their continuous dedication to promoting diversity by celebrating Bengali heritage.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grace Meng".

Grace Meng
Member of Congress