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Message from the High Commissioner

As I learnt, the Heritagefest is an annual and popular summer traditional activity that brings together numerous visitors and cultural groups from all around Alberta and elsewhere, including Bangladesh Heritage Society, to share the glorious history of Bangladeshi culture and heritage.

On this important occasion, I like to remind ourselves that Bangladesh under the dynamic and visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina thrives in the fields of economy and development despite huge global challenges such as the Covid19 pandemic, conflict and other man-made disasters. The inauguration of the Padma Bridge in June 2022 is a testimony to the government's commitment to transforming Bangladesh as a developed nation by 2041 to realize the dream of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, building "Sonar Bangla", the Golden Bengal. At the same time, the current Government of Bangladesh is also deeply committed to promoting our culture and heritage not only in the country, but also around the world through our diaspora. It was also the dream of the Father of the Nation.

I am pleased to see that BHESA is one such organization of Bangladeshi diaspora in Canada that is playing its due role in contributing to the promotion of Bangladeshi culture and heritage across the world. I deeply appreciate BHESA's activities in showcasing the Bangladeshi culture and heritage in Canada. I am optimistic that BHESA would continue to carry on with its good works in promoting our culture and heritage.

On this festive occasion, I extend my sincere greetings to the Members of Bangladesh Heritage and Ethnic Society of Alberta (BHESA) and to everyone involved in organizing and taking part in the Edmonton Heritage Festival 2022.

I wish the Heritagefest all the success.

Joy Bangla. Joy Bangabandhu, Long-live Bangladesh-Canada friendship!

(Dr. Khalilur Rahman)