



भारतीय उच्चायुक्त, बांग्लादेश
ভারতীয় হাই কমিশনার, বাংলাদেশ
High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh

No. DAC/HC/11/2020

10 November, 2020

Dear,

Government of Bangladesh (Ministry of Culture) is organizing a month-long art exhibition as part of the 19th 'Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh' in Dhaka, starting from March 1, 2021.

2. The event is a particular political priority to the Government of Bangladesh, as it forms part of the celebration of the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The year is also special as it marks 50 years of Bangladesh's Liberation and 50 years of our bilateral diplomatic relationship with Bangladesh.

3. As you know, art and culture are central to Bangladesh's unique culture-centric national identity. This identity is at the core of our support for Bangladesh's War of Liberation of 1971; this is why it has become a corner-stone of our bilateral partnership. Celebration of Bangladesh's Bengali identity is central to its sense of being a pluralistic country, with secular foundations. This is also one of the reasons that this event usually attracts strong participation not only from foreign countries but also in particular from India.

4. I am therefore writing to request ICCR and the Ministry of Culture to help widely publicize this event and facilitate the participation of reputed artists from India in it. Details of the exhibition and participation guidelines, including registration forms, can be downloaded from www.asianartbiennale.org.bd.

5. Useful links providing details of the exhibition are in the **attached** Annexure.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Vikram Doraiswami)

Shri Raghvendra Singh

Secretary

Ministry of Culture

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Copy to:

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2. Ms. Smita Pant, Joint Secretary (BM), Ministry of External Affairs South Block, New Delhi

Warmest regards,

(Vikram Doraiswami)

ANNEXURE

The useful links for the exhibition are as follows:-

Details about the Exhibition

<https://email.gov.in/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en&id=29664&part=5>

Participation Rules

<https://email.gov.in/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en&id=29664&part=5>

Soft copy of registration Form

<https://email.gov.in/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en&id=29664&part=2>

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<https://email.gov.in/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en&id=29664&part=3> ”