



Dear all,

As you may have already gathered, our VfGB support and presence in the 40th Federation of Bangladeshis of North America (FOBANA) Celebration on 4,5 and 6 September 2026 has been a great success. We were cordially received on arrival; hosted, accommodated and honoured in all three days of the event. The first day launching took place in Hotel Don Valley where some 500 attended. The 5th and 6th September 5pm to 11pm evenings were open air displays of a galaxy of invited dignitaries, hosts of local and Bangladeshi musicians, singers and performers.

The VfGB banner was amply displayed from the main centre stage. An estimated 30,000 to 40,000 audiences attended both nights and did not want to leave beyond midnight. Some 100 stalls of various commodities and food were there. The whole program was supported by the 'Bangladesh Society (BSC)' and 'Taste of Bangladesh' in Canada. The President, General Secretary, Vice Presidents and Convenors who we stayed with in Hotel Don Valley (almost like our VfGB Residentials) became friends of VfGB and expressed their willingness to work hand in hand with VfGB in serving global NRBs. President Mr. Khokon Rahman, General Secretary Mr. Zahirul Islam, BSC Executives Messrs Sk. Muttalib (former FOBANA Convenor), Shah Alom, Azim Dewan, Sohel Khayer, Showpon Shariful, Ali Imam (former FOBANA convenor from New York Bangladesh Society, USA) joined VfGB straightaway.

I am personally grateful to them for the hospitality, kindness and care; they showered on me and on my wife VfGB Executive Mrs. Shahida H. Husain FRSA. I am also indebted to this year's FOBANA Chair Dr. Abu Jubair Dara for inviting me as FOBANA's Chief Guest.

I hope they will help us build a much stronger VfGB base in Canada and in the USA. With my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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