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BUFLA President

Distinguished guests, honorable members of BUFLA and Bangladeshi-American Community members. Salam and greetings to all of you. As the President of the BUFLA, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the First General Assembly Meeting of BUFLA in the calendar year 2010-2011.

On behalf of the Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles, I would first like to pledge a spectacular Bangladesh Day Parade, with emphasis of participation of all BUFLA members and all Bangladeshi-American Community members. We will also plan to have mainstream community members constituting a good part of the parade. In order to achieve participation of mainstream communities, we will arrange news and announcements in the mainstream news media with help of news media of our community. The parade route will also expand to what we can afford.

BUFLA Cabinet members are committed to work on establishing Unity in the Community, a symbolic approach to progress, which is intended to build a peaceful and harmonious Bangladeshi-American Community. BUFLA has been thriving to promote this message to our entire community members, since the Federation of Bangladeshi organizations in California has been established. During the past 4 years BUFLA had relentlessly tried to hoist and unfold the umbrella of organizations and has endeavored uplifting of our national heritage among all of our community members and the generations beyond. BUFLA has helped its member organizations to promote their own organizational objectives. Previous BUFLA Cabinets have done an excellent job of creating a strong foundation for the federation and the previous Cabinets have also attempted to take the federation to a new height of accomplishment.

We want all members of Bangladeshi-American community regardless of religion, creed or circumstances to achieve their full potential. The 2010-2011 BUFLA Cabinet aims at orchestrating events that will be creating environment for more members' involvement. We would like to expand BUFLA network to include every Bangladeshi-American Community members, either through their respective organizations or by their direct participation in the events of BUFLA so, we stand tall and united as a vibrant community, with modesty and strengths, in front of the broader Society of this great Nation.

In 2010-2011, the BUFLA Cabinet plans to shift BUFLA's focus constructing an efficient passageway towards prosperity that moves beyond our usual activities. To expedite the BUFLA events, we will proactively propose all relevant committees, thereby achieving our goals more efficiently. Over the year we would like to bring together individuals and groups and focus our strength on resolving the numerous concerns, the Bangladeshi-American Community confronts today. Our task is to make it possible to enhance the network, synergy and mutual benefit of our enormously multi-talented and extensively resourceful community, through mutual respect and goodwill. Our mission is to provide the common platform where mutual cooperation could be achieved and assistance could be delivered to those need most.



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We would also focus more on portraying of various Bangladeshi events and Bangladeshi businesses before the mainstream community. In order to achieve the participation of the mainstream society we will have to appeal to mainstream community members by organizing town hall meetings with participation of people of different ethnic groups, and through mainstream news media as well as federal and state officials. We would like to draw attention of Congressmen and Congresswomen, Senators and Governor of California's to the urgent issues our community is facing today.

One of our most pressing and immediate objectives are to establish BUFLA Office, thriving for establishment of a Community Center, renovating the BUFLA website and creating a system of digital repository, so that our members can congregate in a common place, can get current and relevant information and keep themselves up-to-date without much effort. We intend to incorporate exclusive pages containing links to websites dedicated to research and promote liberation war of Bangladesh for ourselves and for generations ahead.

We also hope to provide exclusive pages for member organizations in order to make easier correspondence for all.

Members of Bangladeshi-American Community are facing challenging problems every day in the US. The issue of Bangladeshi-American Community and of Bangladesh, such as employment and immigration, cannot be solved without direct participation of Bangladeshi-Americans including non-resident Bangladeshi community and the government of Bangladesh. To bridge the gap between non-resident Bangladeshi and the Bangladesh's government, we need active participation from the Bangladesh Consulate here at Los Angeles. I expect the Consulate of Bangladesh in Los Angeles would give all possible patronage so that we, the BUFLA members, can work towards solving the problems stated above.

Honorable attendees of today's meeting, I look forward to working with each of you towards the goal of taking the Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles, BUFLA to a new level of mutual and widespread collaboration of all members of Bangladeshi-American Community. I would like to express gratitude to the numerous sponsors, patrons, and friends who have helped to support and enrich BUFLA throughout the years, thus enriching our community with higher values. I would also appreciate cooperation from every one of our community leaders and community members and all sort of help to BUFLA are welcome with a great sense of gratitude.

UNITED WE STAND.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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