

## Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles "To enhance unity among the Bangladeshi community"

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Honorable Bangladeshi Community, Honorable dignitaries, honorable guests, Executive members, Associate Members, BOT, Advisory Council, Honorable Donors, sponsors, performers, Media Personnel, Vendors, friends & relatives Assalamu Alikum. On behalf of the BUFLA Cabinet, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all Bangladeshi community members, our valued members, distinguished guests, Donors, Sponsors for attending the BUFLA spectacular Parade and the two days' cultural event in celebration of the 47th Independence Day of Bangladesh.

This year's parade was a huge success with many new additions from of our Heritage and Culture like the symbolic Bangladesh National Monument, Shohid Minar, Nouka, Floats dazzle, Horse Carriage, Rickshaw, Palki, Nagole, Dhol and number of other significant items. In the Parade, most of the women wore traditional colorful Bangladeshi sharees, some men wore deshi longi/gamcha and so many children were wearing deshi dresses which made the parade very colorful.

Our special thanks go to Eric Garcetti Mayor of Los Angeles, Priyatos Saha the Consulate General of Bangladesh at Los Angeles, Hilda L Solis Member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the 1<sup>st</sup> district, David Ryu Councilmember of Los Angeles district-4, Paul Krekorian Councilmember of Los Angeles district-2, Kali Pradip Chaudhury, Chairman of KPC Group, Belayet Hossain CEO of Dhaka homes.

We are very fortunate and blessed to live in such a caring and compassionate community. Our heartfelt thanks to our BUFLA Members, Organizers, Performers, Media Personnel and special thanks to all the BUFLA volunteers for the compassion they showed to the people of our community; It is an inspiration for all of us. We look forward to working together on all the future BUFLA Charitable events, functions and celebrations including the biggest event of all "The Bangladesh Day Parade" to Celebrate the Independence of Bangladesh.

Once again, our sincerest thanks to everyone who helped make this day a success.

Respectfully Dr. Abul Hashem BUFLA President

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