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General Secretary Report

3rd General Meeting of Bangladesh Association NZ Inc. 2018-20

1. Preface:

Honorable President Mr. ATM Jahan Hasnat Mukul and present members of Bangladesh Association New Zealand Inc. Assalamualaikum.

I like to thank you all for attending today's meeting and sparing your valuable time. This Executive Committee (EC) really appreciates and value your presents and hoping your present today will contribute this organization in further developments.

2. BANZI EC 2019-2020 Activities:

Dear Members,

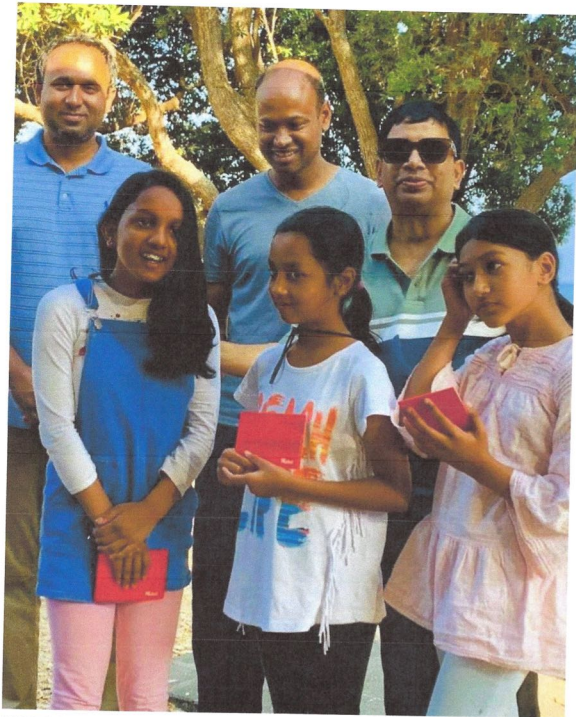
Our 2nd General meeting was conducted last year in December. After that, due to Covid-19, we had canceled many events such as Pohela Boishakh, Remembrance of 15 March Christchurch Tragedy Martyrs, some educational workshops, and so on. Before lockdown we have conducted the following events.

Annual Picnic and Sports

This year we had conducted our annual picnic and sports, 2020 on 1st February Saturday from 9.00 am-7.00 pm at Shakespeare Park (Picnic Site-5), Auckland. In our annual picnic and sports, 300 people joined along with their family members. This year we have introduced a coupon system to confirm the participation. There was controversy due to the use coupon but we intended to reduce the surplus or shortage of food. And successfully there was no shortage and a minor surplus of food.

Apart from that, we do apologize for conducting the picnic on Saturday. We didn't realize that it could affect many people to attend the picnic due to their work on Saturday. Therefore, as learning, we will recommend to next BANZI EC's to conduct the annual picnic on Sunday only. Apart from that, the picnic was good. We got good feedback from our members.

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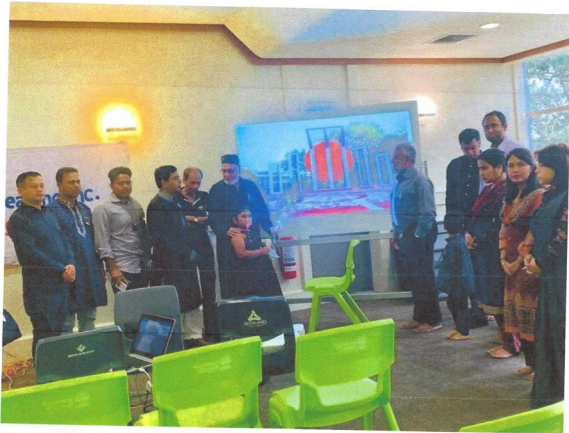


BANZI 2020 Annual Picnic

21st February International Mother Language day

This year we have observed International mother language day on 23rd February, Sunday. We have around 40-50 participants to pay homage to the language movement martyrs. There was poetry, remembrance of martyrs, discussion and dua for the martyrs.





International Mother Language Day Program

Covid-19 Help Fund

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand is part of the ongoing worldwide pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Wikipedia).

A four-level alert level system was introduced on 21 March to manage the outbreak within New Zealand. The alert level was initially set at level 2 but was subsequently raised to level 3 on the afternoon of 23 March. Beginning at 11:59 pm on 25 March, the alert level was moved to level 4, putting the country into a nationwide lockdown (Wikipedia).

During the lockdown period, most of our Bangladesh community people were safe physically and financially due to our (New Zealand) our government immense care and support in the form of a wage subsidy and other welfare activities.

BANZI also announce 5,000 dollars' emergency fund to help our vulnerable members, particularly those who didn't receive any financial help from the government.

Until today, BANZI has provided 5300-dollar assistance to support 13 vulnerable members of our community. Still, we are getting requests for support from our community members. Therefore, we have increased the fund to 10,000 dollars.

In this regard, I would like to thanks BPCT EC members particularly BPCT President and General Secretary for their financial donation to BANZI and assistance. I also like to thank our community leaders for their advice and moral support to our Covid-19 Help Fund initiative.

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Apart from financial assistance, we have provided support by sharing updated information and offer other assistance such as emergency medical help, food support, grocery support, transportation, etc.

I would also like to thanks Bernard Gomes (Senior Diversity and Engagement Advisor, The Office of Ethnic Communities Te Tari Matawaka) for his support to help our community by providing funding information and translate the government messages in our language.

Website update

Apart from these activities, we are working to update our website and introducing an online membership system. Also, we are working to get funding from the Ethnic Ministry.

Sponsor Tauranga Cricket Tournament

We (BANZI) have sponsored 2020 Tauranga Cricket Tournament.

BANGLA CENTRE

We have initiated a separate savings fund for Bangla Centre and current balance 1575 dollars.

BANZI participation in Community Meetings and Events

We have participated in different organization meetings and events. Such as Ethnic community leader monthly meetings arranged by Auckland Police, Meetings arranged by Ethnic Ministry and participated in different organization events.

Apart from that,

Events	Time	Brief Summary
Inauguration, Eid and Puja Reunion Program	13/10/2018	Around 500 people have participated in that event. There was discussion, cultural program and dinner at the end of the event. Ethnic minister Jenny Salesa was the chief guest and Mr. Bakshi (MP) was the guest of honor.
Victory Day, 2018	6/01/2019	On 6th of January, 2019 BANZI has observed the Victory Day in Mount Albert War Memorial Hall. It was a well-organized program. There was art competition and cultural program. We have seen some wonderful art work from our kids. There was food stall and around 250 people attended and enjoyed the program.
International Mother Language Day, 2019	21/02/2019	On 21 February 2019 BANZI has observed the International Mother Language Day. On this occasion BANZI organized a discussion in Mount Albert Senior Citizen Hall. After the discussion EC along with other members express their respect to the martyrs.
Annual Picnic and Sports, 2019	24/02/2019	On 24th February, 2019 Bangladesh Association has organized its biggest ever picnic and sports at Omana Regional Park, Maraetai about 45 kilometers from Auckland City. Around 400 people have participated in this picnic. The picnic went well and it was a success for our EC to present an organized program.
Vigil Services	30/03/2019	30th of March BANZI and BNZFS (with the help of Bangla School, IQRA, Nandan and Bhavna) jointly arranged a vigil service program named as "Prayer and remembrance program for the martyrs and injured brothers and sisters in Christchurch terrorist attack."
Bangladesh High Commission Consular Camp	27-28/04/2019	On 27th and 28th April Bangladesh Honorary Consul arranged Consular camp in Auckland with the help of BANZI EC. BANZI President, Vice President, General Secretary and Membership secretary were actively participated in the consular camp. In the

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		<p>consular camp BANZI has provided free printing facility. Besides, BANZI president host a dinner for the Bangladesh High Commission officials in his own expense. BANZI General Secretary also arranged a lunch for the Bangladesh High Commission officials in his own expense.</p> <p>In the Consular camp, we have provided assistance to complete around 60 MRP and around 150 NVR. The services were combined bank draft, help to fill up forms and help the High Commission officials.</p>
Iftar and Quran Recitation Program	19/05/2019	<p>On 19th May, 2019 BANZI and BNZFS has jointly organized Iftar Mahfil and Quran recitation evening at Te Atatu Peninsula Community Hall. Around 350 people joined in the program. Around 20-25 children attended in Quran recitation. Ethnic minister Hon. Jenny Salea and Transport Minister Hon. Phil Twyford attended the program with other invited guests. It was a well-organized program and appreciated by our guests.</p>
Nobanno (Pitha Utsob)	21/08/2019	<p>On 21st August BANZI arranged Nobanno Utsob (Pitha Mela and Competition) in Mount Eden War Memorial Hall. There was around 8-9 Pitha stalls. Around 20 members participated in the Pitha competition and judged by an expert. Around 300-350 people participated in the event. It was a successful cultural event and program.</p>
Reunion 2019 and Annual Dinner	27/10/2019	<p>On 27th October 2019 BANZI has organized Reunion and Annual dinner 2019 at Mount Eden War memorial Hall. Auckland Mayor Mr. Phil Goff attended the program as chief guest. It was a great cultural event (mix of dance, songs, poetry, video etc.). Around 350 members joined the event. It was a great event and admired by many members.</p>
Victory Day 2019	21/12/2019	<p>Bangladesh Association New Zealand Incorporated (BANZI) celebrated "48th Victory Day" on the 21st December, Saturday at Mount Albert War Memorial Senior Citizen Hall. Around 30-40 members participated in the Victory day event. There was a short discussion, poetry and remembrance of independence war and freedom fighters. Although it was a short program but a memorable one.</p>
1 st General Meeting	17/03/2019	<p>Held on 17.03.2019 at 6.30 PM (due to lack of quorum meeting started 1 hour later, the initial start time was 5.30 pm), Mount Roskil War Memorial Hall (13 May Rd, Mount Roskill, Auckland 1041)</p>
2 nd General Meeting	29/12/2019	<p>Held on Mount Albert Senior Citizen Hall (Wairere Avenue & New North Road, Mount Albert, Auckland 1025).</p>

3. Upcoming proposed events Calendar:

The upcoming and proposed events are as following-

Eid ul Adha Jamat, BANZI Reunion (July or August)

4. Meetings:

Type of Meetings	Number
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Monthly Meeting	5
Emergency Meeting	2

5. BANZI register with Charity Services.

BANZI has applied to get the charity status on March, 2020. Hopefully within this EC tenure BANZI will get the charity status.

6. Vandalism:

To save BANZI money last year we have canceled the storage and keep BANZI instruments such as speaker, mixer, banner in BANZI President, Vice President, and GS house. In March 2020 from BANZI GS garage (41 Fowlds Ave, Sandringham) one good speaker and two broken speakers were stolen, BANZI GS reported it to police, and the next day police came but didn't find any fingerprint.

As a remedy, BANZI immediately shifts all the belongings to a secure storage facility.

7. Discussion:

We are near to the end of BANZI EC 2018-2020 Tenure. After the 2nd general meeting, we had different activity plans but due to the Covid-19 situation, we have to abandon them. However, we are thankful to almighty for protecting us and keeping us safe.

I would like to thank BANZI EC members, our members, community leaders, BPCT, and others who helped us on different occasions.

Hopefully next month we will have our final AGM and the election will conduct in July.

I wish you all the best and again thanks for reading this report. Please feel free to send me any query at mohammad_afjal@yahoo.com

Yours Sincerely
 Mohammad Afjalur Rahman
 General Secretary
 Bangladesh Association New Zealand Inc.
 2018-2020

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