

Introduce yourself in front of a Head of the State

Your Excellency, the honorable President of the United States of America or,
Your Majesty, the honorable King/Queen of Japan/Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or,
Your Highness, the honorable Prince of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Before introducing myself, I would like to remember the name of the greatest Bangali of all time, the father of the nation and the architect of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

I have the privilege to present this letter of credence addressed by his excellency, the honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, ***accrediting me as the ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh*** to the United States of America/ Japan/ Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The ***historical relationship*** between our two states will help us to stretch our mutual cooperation in trade, commerce, economic development, technology, culture etc.

I would like to place my humble request before you to accept the letter and allow me to perform my legal duties.

Here you go please
Thank you very much.

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Tell us about yourself

This is Mohammad Azaharul Alam ***having completed MBA and BBA*** in Finance from University of Dhaka. (***My father*** is a retired monitoring officer of BRAC and my mother is a homemaker). ***I have always been sincere and dedicated*** to my duties and responsibilities. And my merit position as 5th in Cumilla Board- SSC and 2nd Cumilla Board- HSC is bearing the witness. ***In case of extracurricular activities***, I represented Dhaka University in inter university debate championship and clinched the 2nd runner up position and in inter department competition we became champion. I am used to passing my ***leisure time*** by travelling and watching movies etc.

Why Foreign first/ Why not admin/

1. ***Since childhood I have the fascination*** to represent my country in international area and I thought Cricket would have been the way to fulfill my

dream. *But in reality*, it didn't suit me. *During university life* I learned about the BCS Foreign Affairs that gave me the hope once again. *Since then* it had become my passion.

2. We know today's era is the age of economic diplomacy, climate diplomacy and artificial intelligence. I completed my graduation in *Department of Finance* which can help me to work as an economic diplomat. Finance is the blood circulation of every organization. Without blood, none can live. That's why I have better opportunity than that of others.
3. I like to face *challenges and opportunities*. There are lots of challenges and opportunities in dealing bilateral and multilateral international issues.

যারা বর্তমানে ডিপ্লোমেট হিসেবে কাজ করছে, তারা কী খারাপ করছে?

People who are serving us currently are absolutely brilliant and good. But if you ask me why I need to be here, there are two reasons-

- a) Since I studied in Finance department, I can work as an economic diplomat which is very crucial in the contemporary world to ensure economic development of a country.
- b) To fill up the vacancy as every year some diplomats get retired.

Article-63: War

War shall not be declared and the Republic shall not participate in any war except with the assent of Parliament.

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141. Annual report of BPSC

141A. Proclamation of emergency

141B. Suspension of provisions of certain articles during emergencies

141C. Suspension of enforcement of fundamental rights during emergencies

142. Power to amend any provision of the Constitution

Article-145: Contracts and deeds

Article-145 (A): International Treaties

All treaties with foreign countries shall be submitted to the President, who shall cause them to be laid before Parliament [Provided that any such treaty connected with national security shall be laid in a secret session of Parliament]

Strength and Weakness of Bangladesh Foreign Policy

Strength of Bangladesh Foreign Policy:

1. Direct access to Bay of Bengal
2. Blue Economy
3. Mineral resources like- natural gas
4. Trio among India, China and Pakistan
5. Huge domestic market for having population like 180 million
6. Cheap labor
7. Demographic dividend

[A country enjoys demographic dividend when it has higher working-age (15 to 64 years old) population than non-working and the window opened for Bangladesh in 2007 and it will end in 2037, according to data of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics]

[note: প্রথম ৫টা পয়েন্ট হলো strength of geographical location]

Weakness of Bangladesh Foreign Policy:

1. Locked by India in both land and water except a little border with Myanmar
2. 54 common rivers entrance from India through which India can control water supply and disrupt agricultural production of Bangladesh.
3. Farakka Barrage (১৯৬১ সালে মুর্শিদাবাদে নির্মিত হয়। ৩০ বছর মেয়াদি পানি বন্টন চুক্তি হয় ১৯৯৬-২০২৬)
4. Sandwiched between two rising Asian giants India and China
5. Vulnerable to natural disasters
6. Overpopulation
7. Unskilled human capital
8. Poverty and hunger
9. Disparity in distribution of wealth

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Works of a Diplomat

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1. **Representing** the sending state in the receiving state
2. **Reporting** to the sending state about contemporary issues and different policies of the receiving state.
3. **Protecting** the national interest in foreign lands
4. **Preparing** program schedule for the visit of the Head of the state and Head of the govt.
5. **Enhancing** relationship
6. **Exchanging** cultures
7. **Negotiating** with the government of the receiving state
8. Increasing trade

9. Attracting FDI
10. Exploring foreign market for export of domestic products
11. Exploring foreign market for manpower export to increase remittance

[note: শেষ ৩টা পয়েন্ট হলো Economic diplomacy এর উদ্দেশ্য বা Purpose]

Ministry of Foreign Affairs এর Rules of Business এ মোট ২৮টি কাজের কথা আছে।

Objective of Foreign Policy

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1. **Maintenance of physical integrity and sovereignty**
2. Achieving economic development
3. Accelerating international aid and assistance
4. **Enhancing** relationship
5. **Exchanging** cultures
6. **Negotiating** with the government of the receiving state
7. Increasing trade- Fulfilling local shortage by import and Exporting local surplus production
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Foreign Policy of Mujibnagar or, Exile Govt.

1. **Building** international public opinion in favor of the cause of Bangladesh
2. **Ensuring** international assistance to the refugees who had taken shelter across the border
3. **Isolating** Pakistan Regime by projecting the atrocities and crimes against humanity.
4. **Creating** necessary condition so that friendly nations advance recognition of Bangladesh as an independent sovereign state.

Who inspired you for BCS Foreign Affairs?

Diplomats who worked for Mujibnagar govt taking risk of their lives in foreign land like Md Hosen Ali, K.M. Shihabuddin, Amzadul Haque, Muhiuddin Ahmed, A H Mahmood Ali, M A Muhith and many for their role in-

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On 6 April, 1971, K.M. Shihabuddin, Amzadul Haque from Embassy of New Delhi declared their allegiance to Bangladesh.

On 18 April, 1971, Md Hosen Ali and Anwarul Karim Chowdhury declared their allegiance and for the first time hoisted Bangladeshi flag on foreign land in Kolkata, India.

Syed Anwarul Karim left Pakistan Permanent Mission in UN.

Abul Fateh was the first ambassador to join directly in Liberation War.

Muhiuddin Ahmed (London), A H Mahmood Ali (New York), M A Muhith (Washington DC)

Vision of Bangladesh Foreign Policy:

"Friendship to all, malice to none"

What Qualities a Diplomat must have?

1. Patriot and loyal
2. Good negotiation skill
3. Prompt in decision making
4. Good command over different language
5. Updated to recent international affairs
6. Ability to win people's mind
7. Appreciation of another's point of view

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Foreign এ ভালো করতে হলে কী কী জানতে হবে?

1. Determinants of our foreign policy
2. Strength and weakness of our foreign policy
3. Foreign policy of Super power and regional power
4. Vienna Convention of diplomatic relations-1961
5. Rules and regulations of UN charter
6. Policies of WB, IMF, ADB, IDB etc
7. Different kind of diplomatic tools like- Track-1, Track-2, Track-3, Multi-track diplomacy.

Track 1 Diplomacy: