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Secretary-General



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**Her Excellency,
Madam Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury,
Honorable Speaker of Bangladesh parliament**

Excellency,

It is a great honor for me to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency, your colleagues in the Parliament and all the people of Bangladesh on the occasion of the Anniversary of Independence Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The inspiring initiative of your predecessors in the Parliament of Bangladesh in September 1999 to create the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP) served as the cornerstone for our today well established Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) with the largest number of members in the vast Continent of Asia.

In my capacity as APA Secretary General, I would like to seize this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all those parliamentary leaders in Asia who left no stone unturned to foster cooperation and coordination among parliamentarians in our Continent through establishment of the APA.

APA Secretariat has done and will do everything in its power to realize the missions entrusted to it under the Charter of the Organization in the pursuit of parliamentary diplomacy. It has even outlined certain strategies to follow its usual programs through holding virtual meetings until such time when the global pandemic is fully contained with resort to collective measures.

I avail myself of this opportunity to wish Your Excellency good health, well-being and success in your parliamentary tasks.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Best Regards
Mohammad Reza Majidi
Secretary General