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My dear Ambassadors/High Commissioners,

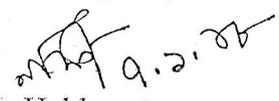
I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt greetings of the New Year 2018 from the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment. I deeply appreciate your accomplishments in the last year. I also recall my memorable interaction with you during the Envoys' Conference 2017.

You are well aware that Bangladesh Government is committed to fulfill the Sustainable Development Goals in stipulated time frame. To that end our ministry is specifically working hard to achieve the targets of safe, orderly, regular, responsible and low cost migration. Despite challenges, this ministry endorsed many of your suggestions (like visa attestations etc.). We all are involved to ensure good governance in migration system. In this journey, our foreign missions of Bangladesh play very instrumental roles.

We are organizing a five day Labour Welfare Conference from February 04 to 08, 2018 in Dhaka targeted to efficient migration management. During this conference a call on with Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is arranged. Besides, a number of meetings/sessions are organized with relevant senior government officials and civil society members (e.g.; Advisors of the Honorable Prime Minister, Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary, Foreign Secretary and so on). We expect all the Labour Welfare Officers (Counselors, 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretaries) will join this event with your kind permission.

Under the directives of the Honorable Prime Minister, this Ministry aims at expanding labour markets around the globe including Europe, China, Japan and other potential countries. Accordingly, we have started skill development programs including language courses on English, Korean, Japanese, Arabic and Mandarin. We are also aware of the changes taking shape in global migration governance scenario that includes *inter alia* GCM and the like. We plan to cover all such issues of strategic importance to our country in this conference. I appreciate your cooperation.

With profound regards,

  
Dr. Nomita Halder ndc

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