Press Release

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Prize-Giving Ceremony of Bangladesh Stockholm Junior Water Prize 2021 Held

The prize-giving ceremony of Bangladesh Stockholm Junior Water Prize 2021 was hosted at Hotel Tropical Daisy in Dhaka on 10th October, 2021 at 3:30pm. Prizes were distributed among the winners in the presence of a limited number of contestants, student ambassadors, guardians, volunteers and invited guests. The team of Abrar Zawad from Dhaka College and Tanjim Zaman Khan from Government Science College was selected as the winner from participating groups. Special guests at the award distribution ceremony were Country Director Hasin Jahan of WaterAid Bangladesh and Nakib Khan, Corporate Affairs Director of Nestlé Bangladesh. In addition, Dr. Mohidus Samad Khan, (Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering , BUET) Dr. Ferdous Sarwar, (Professor, Industrial and Production Engineering Dept, BUET) were present as honourable guests. The event was presided over by Pavel Haque, President of the House of Volunteers Bangladesh, Country Lead, FTF Bangladesh Digital Agriculture Activities, DAI. House of Volunteers Bangladesh (HOV), together with WaterAid Bangladesh, organizes this competition. Nestlé Bangladesh Limited sponsored this competition and Environmental Sustainability in Textile Industries - ESTex was the technical partner of this competition.

Guests applauded the versatile project proposals on water submitted by the participants. They solely appreciated the initiative of SJWPBD and House of Volunteers as well. Mr. Deepal Abeywickrema, Managing Director of Nestle Bangladesh sent his appreciation message to the host and participants to keep up the good work. Besides, Nakib Khan described the importance of water and

encourages the competitors' thinking. Hasin Jahan inspired the winners as well as the contestants and the student ambassadors. She also appreciated the determination and enthusiasm of the House of Volunteers about their mind-set on volunteerism.

This year, the event was hosted at a limited range for Covid-19. In the competition, 92 teams from districts across the country registered. Among them, 10 teams were picked for the final contest. Later, the final competition was held on May 7, 2021. The teams presented their respective projects to the jury board and faced a question-answer episode. Abrar Jawad from Dhaka College and Tanjim Zaman Khan from Government Science College were selected as winners from participating groups. Their project was titled 'An Inclusive Smart Water Management System using IoT (Internet of Things) '. Due to the Corona pandemic, all the procedures of the Bangladesh Stockholm Junior Water Prize 2021 have been carried out online.

On a separate note, Bangladesh Stockholm Junior Water Prize started in 2015. For the seventh time this year, Bangladesh arranged the Stockholm Junior Water Prize 2021. The Stockholm Junior Water Prize Bangladesh (SJWPBD) is a national competition to find junior water scientists, representing Bangladesh by participating in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize hosted by Sweden International Water Institute (SIWI) in Sweden. The international competition takes place every year in August at World Water Week (World Water Week) in Stockholm. Young people aged 15-20 from more than 30 countries competed in international finalists as contenders. The competition aims to inspire young people to get involved in water and environmental issues.

The activities of SJWPBD 2022 will approximately begin in December 2022. Details about the contest can be found on the www.sjwpbd.org website.

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