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Dear Mr. Khan,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 12 December 2007, co-signed by Mr. Muhammed Tajul Islam, General Secretary of the Dhaka University Alumni Association USA, inviting the Secretary-General to participate in the event scheduled for 20 February 2008 in New York, in commemoration of "Ekush-e-February".

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your kind invitation. Unfortunately, however, I must inform you that the multiple demands on his schedule will prevent him from attending. I also regret to tell you that the Secretary-General will be unable to accede to your request for a message for the event brochure, in view of the United Nations Rules and Standards.

Let me nevertheless take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event. I would be grateful if you could convey this response to Mr. Mohammed Tajul Islam.

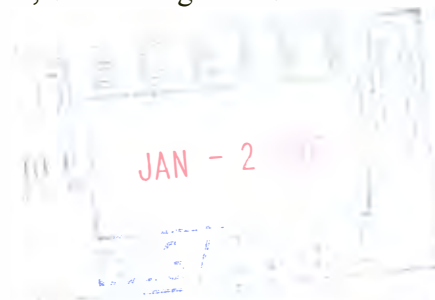
With thanks for your kind understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Reference: Celebration of "Ekush-e-February" an International Mother Language Day.

Dear Honorable Secretary-General,

We, on behalf of the Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA), are pleased and honored to inform you that the DUAA, in concert with other socio-cultural organizations, has arranged to celebrate "Ekush-e-February," a Bangladeshi national day of celebration, which is now recognized as "International Mother Language Day," to be held on February 20, 2008 at 5:00 PM in NTV building, 37th street, Astoria Queens, New York. A large gathering is anticipated, and the event is expected to be broadcast live by NTV, RTV and Bangla Vision Television.

To celebrate this National Event of Bangladesh, we have planed for cultural and intellectual programs besides of placing the wreath of flowers on the "Shaheed Minar" (a Monument for Martyrs). These will feature a host of outstanding artists and celebrities from home and abroad. There will be performances in music, dance, drama, and seminars on socio-economy, political, and language movement issues.

We cordially invite you as the chief guest to this event of Bangladeshi National Day. Your presence will strengthen our emotion and enriches our goal.

We would also request you to provide us a message for the "Kkush-e-February" event brochure.

Thank you in advance for your time and concern.

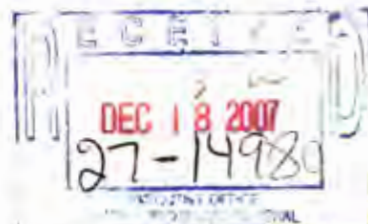
Sincerely,
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