

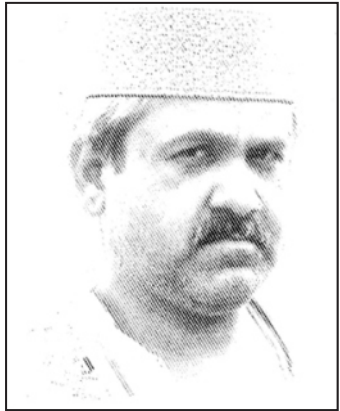
Exhibition

Bangladeshi art in the land of the rising sun

Fokhrul Islam's exhibit at Tokyo

SHAHANA PARBEEN

PAINTING exhibitions in various galleries around Dhaka city are featured regularly in these columns. But this exhibition being featured here was held in Japan. How great it makes the artist and his near and dear ones feel when he can show his art works to a wider audience, when he gets an international break. It is a matter of pride for his nation too, to



Fokhrul Islam

know that a 'son of the soil' is making waves abroad.

Mohammad Fokhrul Islam has successfully held a solo art exhibition in Japan. This exhibition was held from 7th to 19th May at the Chuwa Gallery in Tokyo. This was his fourth solo art exhibition. He has previously held two exhibitions in Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts and one at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Most of his works displayed in the Chuwa gallery, were oil on paper. There was an exaggerated use of browns and blacks. A lot of bold stripes and use of earth tones made up his abstract arts. A few of his creations are printed here.

Talking about his work, he says that he does not try to prove his skills though his paintings. For him, art is a medium of expressing his emotions. Fokhrul says that whenever he tries to prove himself as an

artist, he fails to create an art form. The creation becomes a quest to prove something. This, he feels, is a barricade towards creativity. He never tries to pass judgement on his work either. He reasons that one can not measure love and affection. Similarly, he cannot judge his work. As long as his creations bring happiness to people, make them smile and touch their heart, he is happy. This is what he, as an artist, conceives as his gain.

Md Fokhrul Islam completed his BFA in Ceramics from the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University in 1990. After that he spent two years

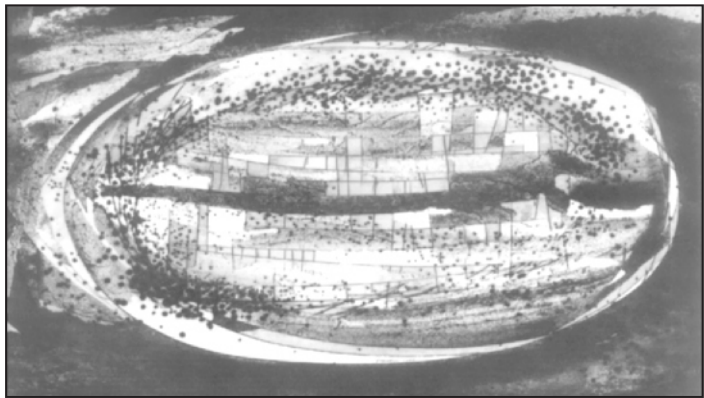


Image-1: oil on paper

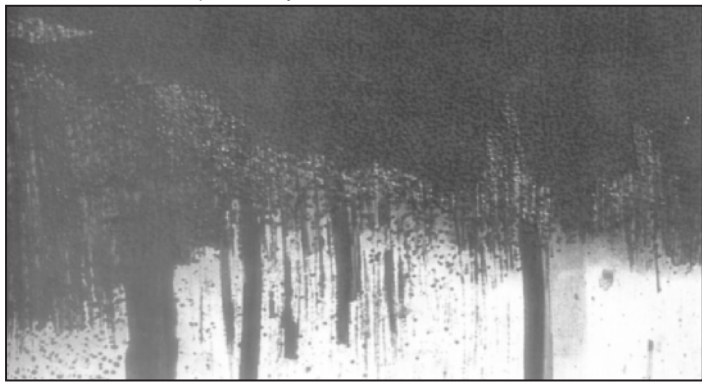


Image-4, oil on paper

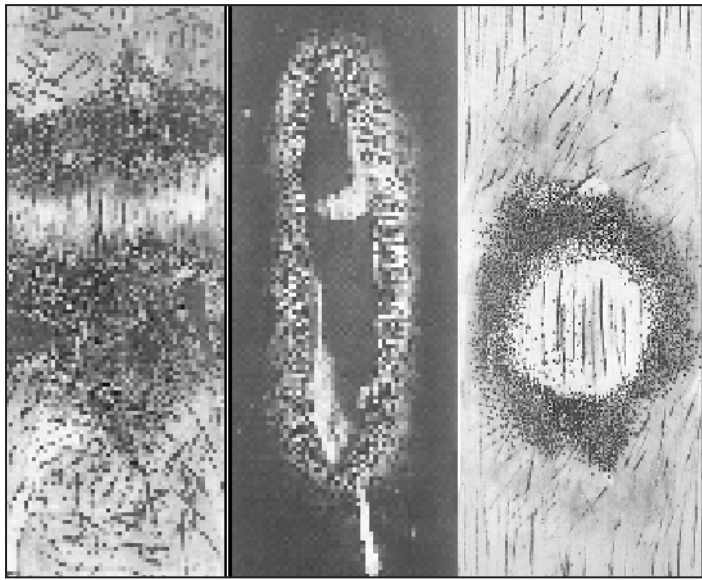


Image-5, Image-2, Image-6 (oil on paper)

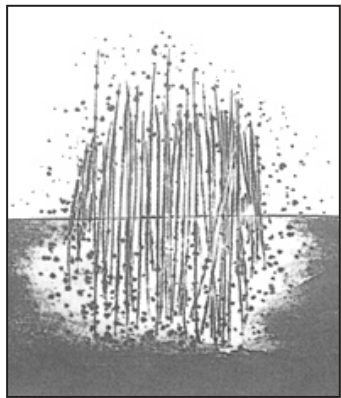


Image-7, oil on paper

studying in Beijing on a Chinese government scholarship. He has participated in a host of workshops and art camps under renowned artists from both home and abroad. Among those under whose supervision he worked include Professor Abdur Razzak, Professor Mahmudul Haq, Sussan Benton, a renowned artist from America, Adriana Hernandez from Denmark, and Jorg Bachhofer of Germany. Fokhrul has participated in many group exhibitions both home and abroad.

He is currently working as a freelance artist at his own studio in Bashiruddin Road, Kalabagan, Dhaka.

Event

Bringing people closer to their culture

Shetubandha accords reception to five renowned personalities of the country

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

SHETUBANDHA, a cultural organisation dedicated to the promotion of artists of the country, recently accorded a reception to renowned personalities of the society and held a cultural function to mark the occasion.

The cultural organisation awarded five personalities for their contribution in their respective fields. The awardees are Tohab Khan (journalism), M A H Selim (social welfare), Abdus Sabur Khan Chowdhury (compere), Shahin Samad (singer) and A T M Shamsuzzaman (acting).

Hena Kabir presided over the programme held at the Central Public Library auditorium in the city. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Choudhury was present as chief guest. Khandokar Rashedul Haque, R M Khan and Mahabub-uz-Zaman were present as special guests.

The programme began with the presentation of flower bouquets to all the distinguished guests on the dais by the members of the organi-

sation. The chief guest then handed over a certificate and crest to each of the five recipients.

State Minister Abul Hasan Choudhury said in his speech that "Shetubandha" was an organisation whose efforts were really worthy of appreciation. It is role model for other cultural organisations to look up to.

Singers Farida Parveen, Yasmin Mushtari, Ferdous Ara, and Ifrat Ara Nargis presented songs at the cultural programme that followed the reception.

Shetubandha is a cultural organisation set up to promote such activities in the country. Its name is derived from two very Bangla words, *Shetu*, which means a bridge, and *Bandhan*, which means a connection or tie.

A bridge is also used for communication purposes, to connect two remote areas. The organisation is working to do that, that is setting a form of communication between people and culture.

The organisation is a result of the thinking and efforts of some artists to generate for a good cause. It aims

to lift our indigenous culture to step forward, and to promote or culture and heritage both at home and overseas, so that it is used as a bridge of communication between different people.

In the past, the organisation has helped to promote neglected artists living at various corners of the country to the larger audience in Dhaka. Its has also come forward to help destitute or needy artists in need of help through raising funds. An international music convocation was organised with the participation of renowned artists of the sub-continent to promote brotherhood among neighbouring countries. At different times it has also brought needy and destitute children to the auditorium, giving them a chance to watch cultural functions to encourage them towards cultural activities.

Shetubandha has also set up a rehabilitation centre for the old and disabled artists and has further plans up its sleeves for more social welfare activities in the future. It has also set up a modern training centre for budding artists of the country.



Singer Farida Parveen presenting a song at the cultural programme following the reception

RECOMMENDATIONS

Contemporary Art of Bangladesh - Trends

Organised by the High Commission of India, a ten day long exhibition titled 'Contemporary Art of Bangladesh - Trends' is being held at the High Commission of India Cultural Centre. The exhibition will remain open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. till June 2.



Bonsai Exhibition

The 4th solo exhibition of Bonsai by Ariham-ul-Huq Chowdhury is being held at the Bengal Gallery (Bengal Shipalaya, 275/F, Road 27 old, Dhanmondi).

The exhibition will remain open to all from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday till May 31.



Paintings for the Liberation War Museum

A painting exhibition by Kanak Champa Chakma and Khalid Mahmood Mithu is being held at the Saiu Art Gallery in Gulshan. The artists donated all these artworks for Liberation War Museum's fund raising.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. till May 31.

Summer Fest

A fashion exhibition by design house Kay Kraft titled 'Summer Fest' is being held at the WVA auditorium. The exhibition will continue everyday from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. till May 28.

TV GUIDE

<p>BTV</p> <p>3:20 Open University 3:45 Sports Programme 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Shasthathatha 4:30 Educational Programme 4:45 Shukhi Poribar 5:20 Unmesh 5:45 Special on Zainul Abedin 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Dolon Champa 6:35 Uttaran 7:00 News Headlines 7:05 Tukhor 7:30 Barta Probaha 8:00 News in Bengali 8:30 Nimantran 9:00 News Headlines 9:30 Man of Angloes 10:00 De-Re 10:30 News in English 10:55 Unnayan Shonglap 11:30 Khabar / The News 11:45 Closing</p> <p>ETV</p> <p>12:00 Ekushey Midday 12:20 Bangla Film: Ora Egarojon 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey Headlines 3:05 E Ki Khela 3:30 Jononi 4:00 Ek Cup Cha 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus Circus 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Bondhon 8:30 Oshanto Shongshar 10:30 News: Simulcast from BTV 11:00 Ekushey Nightly News</p> <p>ATN</p> <p>5:30 "Islamic Prog. 7:00 Anurodher Assor 7:35 ATN School Bitarka Protijogita 8:5 Drama: Uttaran 8:40 Magazine Prog: Annodhara 9:15 Magazine Prog: Chaya Songlaph 9:50 Popular Songs: Sritir Pata Theke 10:25 Megaserial: Vidroh 11:00 Bengali Feature film: Dulari 6:32 Child's Prog: Shapla Saluk Gold Medel 7:50 Drama: Shattaro 8:25 Drama: Uppan Kuthir 9:00 Magazine Prog: Sutorang 9:35 Drama: Shoker Payra 10:10 Megaserial: Vidroh 10:45 Bengali feature film: Protigga</p>	<p>BBC WORLD</p> <p>6:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report 7:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report 8:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report 9:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report 10:30 Rough Science (14) Phys Wrld (15-20) Predictions (21-23) Future Fant (24-26) 11:3 Euro Brief 12:30 Hardtalk 1:30 Hahtalk 2:30 Click Online 3:30 Correspondent 4:30 Hardtalk 5:30 Correspondent 6:30 Face To Face 7:30 Rough Science (14) Phys World (15-20) Predictions (21-23) Future Fant (24-26) Correspondent 8:30 Asia Today 9:30 Mastermind India 11:30 World Business Report 12:30 Hardtalk 1:30 Holiday 2:30 World Business Report 3:30 Earth Report 4:30 Asia Business Report /Asia today</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>7:00 Beethoven 8:45 The Third Miracle 11:15 Showdown In Little Tokyo 1:00 Losing Isaiah 3:15 The People Under the Stairs 5:15 Jerry Maguire 8:00 Fierce Creatures 10:00 Blowback 11:45 The Pelican Brief 2:45 Losing Isaiah 5:00 Fierce Creatures</p> <p>STAR GOLD</p> <p>10:30 Beete Hue Din 11:00 Geet Bahar 11:30 Palkon Ki Chhaon Mein (Rejesh Khanna, Hema Malini) 3:00 Geet Bahar 3:30 Ek Nari Ek Brahmachari (Jeetendra, Mumtaz, Shatrughan Sinha) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Monday MagicSanjog (Amitabh Bachchan, Mala Sinha) 11:00 Woodland Bollywood News 11:30 Baghavat (Dharmendra, Hema Malini) 12:30 Baghavat (Contd...) 3:00 Geet Bahar 3:30 Salaam Memsaab (Kumkum, Subbi Raj) 7:00 Samaj Ko Badal Dalo (Ajay Sahni, Sharada)</p>	<p>STAR PLUS (INDIA)</p> <p>6:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Chhupa Rustam 8:00 Hit Ya Fit 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show : Karishma (Kamal Hasan, Reena Roy) 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 2:00 Sanskruti 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Shanti 4:00 Meri Saheli 4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids Daily 7:30 Sanskruti 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Gharwali Uparwali 9:00 Kahin Kissii Roz ... 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Shagun 12:30 Telebrands 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Star Morning Show : Karishma (Kamal Hasan, Reena Roy) 4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 5:00 Shanti 5:30 Hit Ya Fit</p> <p>STAR WORLD</p> <p>6:00 Murder Call 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 David Beckham's Story 10:00 Murder Call 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Strange Luck 1:00 Fashion TV 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 Sabrina, The Teenage Witch 6:30 Everybody Loves Raymond 6:55 Star News 7:00 Dharma & Greg 7:30 Frasier</p> <p>AXN</p> <p>6:30 Grandeur Musashi 7:30 Italian Football Troopers Now & Then, Here</p>	<p>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>EKUSHEY: 8:00 p.m. <i>Bandhan</i>. Episode 8: Akram comes back, but after fighting with Jolly, wants to leave again. Imran tells him that his friend Badal has come and asks him not to leave.</p> <p>STAR WORLD: 10:00 p.m. <i>Sabrina The Teenage Witch</i>. To Tell A Mortal: The Quizmaster pops in to alert Sabrina that it's Friday the 13th. On this day she may tell a mortal she's a witch. Special appearance by Drew Carey.</p> <p>STAR WORLD: 10:30 p.m. <i>Dharma & Greg</i>. Play Lady Play: Dharma gives her musical talents a try when she agrees to play drums for a friend's high school band, but when things go awry Dharma scores a much bigger gig. Special appearance by Bob Dylan and his band.</p> <p>STAR WORLD: 11:30 p.m. <i>Fraiser</i>. Chess Pains: Fraiser's new chess set inspires a father-son competition.</p>	<p>PICK OF THE DAY</p> <p>Blowback On HBO at 10:00 p.m. The detective sees an imprisoned serial killer die in a gas chamber, but the killings continue. The story is about a serial killer, given a new face by the government to operate for them decides to go personal, and revenge all those who sent him to the gas chamber.</p>	<p>Bugaloo 9:30 Just Between Friends 11:30 The Preppie Murders 1:30 The Coca Cola Kid 4:00 The Believers 6:30 Cheech & Chongs</p> <p>ZEE ENGLISH</p> <p>6:30 Benny Hill Show 7:00 Kate & Allie 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Three's Company 9:30 Here's Lucy 10:00 Dave's World 10:30 The West Wing 11:30 Full House 12:00 Capitol 12:30 All My Children 1:30 Dave's World 2:00 Three's Company 2:30 Friends 3:00 Jesse 3:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 4:00 Royal Canadian Air Force 4:30 Here's Lucy 5:00 Three's Company 5:30 Heartbreak High 6:30 Jesse 7:00 Full House 7:30 The West Wing 8:30 Friends 9:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 9:30 Late Show With David Letterman 10:00 The Sopranos 11:30 Friends 12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 12:30 Full House 1:00 Late Show With David Letterman 2:00 All My Children 3:00 Music Zone</p> <p>ZEE CINEMA</p> <p>9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 9:15 First Take/Making Of A Legend 9:45 Movie Fare 10:00 Waqt Ki Pukar 1:00 Chatpati Chat 1:15 Madhyantar 1:30 Sanch Ko Anch Nahi Darpan 5:15 Ikke Pe Ikka 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Pati Parmeshwar 9:45 Cine News 10:00 Tara Rums 10:30 Hit Mix 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 2:30 Kanoon Ka Shikar 5:30 Chehren 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Jai Mahakali</p> <p>ZEE MUSIC</p> <p>6:00 Zee Music Plus 7:00 Aalap 7:30 Tararun 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Pyar Mohabbat Etc 12:30 Zee Music Box 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00 Jharokha 2:35 Just Jammin 3:05 Tararun 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Fillers 6:30 Zee Music Plus 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Bule 9:00 Cool-Age 9:30 Zee Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:35 Phoren Maal 12:35 Shabab 1:05 Zee Music Box 1:35 Jharokha 2:00 Hit Pe Hit 3:00 Blue 3:30 Tararun 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30 Sizzlers</p> <p>ALPHA BANGLA</p> <p>6:30 Jonatir Dorebare 7:00 Googly 7:30 News in Bulletin 8:00 Aalap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhraman 9:30 Mojar Khela Kobitae 10:00 Trityo Purush 10:30 Ranna Ghar 11:00 Saffalya</p>	<p>11:30 Grihasajja 12:00 Bahari Ahaar 12:30 Manabi 1:00 Sat Rang 1:30 Chokher Bali 2:00 Sat Rang 2:30 Suva Sangbad Feature Film 5:00 Shesh Prashna 5:30 Half Chocolate/Disney 6:00 Alpha Khabor 6:25 Jhankar 6:30 Foot Ball 7:00 Swapnoneel 7:25 Jhankar 7:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Nayanantara 10:00 Ek Akasher Niche 10:05 News Bulletin 10:05 Ek Palake 10:20 Ingeet 10:40 Ek Palake 10:45 Foot Ball 11:20 Alpha Khabor 11:45 Ek Palake 11:50 Jemon Boleben Sir/Goyenda Paribar 12:15 Surur Ei Jharna Dhara 12:30 Googly 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Bengali Feature Film 4:00 Ek Akasher Niche 4:30 Nayanantara 5:00 Ingit 5:30 Foot Ball 6:00 Sur Taal</p> <p>ZEE TV</p> <p>9:00 Nickelodeon 9:30 Guldasti 10:30 Filmi Chakkar 11:00 Highlight Zee 11:15 Chatpati Chat 11:30 Ek Nazar 12:00 Hamare Tumhare 12:30 Sangini 1:00 Dastaan 1:25 Jhalak 1:30 Manzilein Apani Apani 2:00 Chandan Ka Palna Resham Ki Dori 2:30 Amanat 3:00 Gharana 3:30 Yeh Dil Kya Kare 4:00 Kaisa Kahoon? 4:30 Khamoshiyan 5:00 Nickelodeon 5:30 Nickelodeon 6:00 Ek Nazar 6:30 Banegi Apni Baat 7:00 Hip Hip Hurray 7:30 Ek Nazar 8:00 Aasmaan Se Tapki 8:30 Babul Ki Duayein Leti Ja... 9:00 Koshish Ek Aashaa 9:30 Chandan Ka Palna Resham Ki dori 10:00 Gardish 10:30 Yeh Dil Kya Kare 11:00 Kaisa Kahoon 11:30 Manzilein Apani Apani 12:00 Gharana</p>
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