


BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF GREATER AUSTIN

Bangladesh Community in Austin


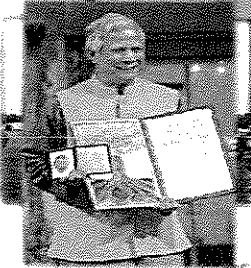
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Bangladesh at a Glance


- ❖ Located in South Asia
- ❖ Independence in 1971
- ❖ Home of the Royal Bengal Tiger
- ❖ Biggest Delta of the World
- ❖ Population of 140 million
- ❖ Parliamentary System of Govt.
- ❖ Dr. Yunus, Nobel Winner




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BAGA

- ❖ Bangladesh Association of Greater Austin
- ❖ Represents Bangladesh Community
- ❖ Formed July, 2006
- ❖ 11 Member Elected Board
- ❖ Organizes Various Social, Cultural and Community Services Event
- ❖ Bengali New Year Festival at Waterloo Park on Saturday April 17, 2010




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- ❖ 2000 Census Population of 850 *
- ❖ 2010 Population Estimate is Approx 1800 to 2000
- ❖ Geographic Distribution
 - ❖ Travis County – 60%
 - ❖ Williamson – 35%
 - ❖ Other – 5%
- ❖ Age Distribution
 - ❖ Seniors – 10%
 - ❖ Adults – 60%
 - ❖ Children – 30%




* Source: US 2000 Census, Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce

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- ❖ Employment Pattern:
 - ❖ High tech Industry - 80%
 - ❖ Medical Services – 5%
 - ❖ Business – 5%
 - ❖ Other - 8%
 - ❖ Governmental Services – 2%
- ❖ Culturally very active
- ❖ Highly educated – more than 50% has post graduate degree



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Social Services Needs

- ❖ Limited knowledge of what is out there
- ❖ Medical Assistance for Visiting Parents
 - ❖ MAF Program thru TCHD
- ❖ Legal Support
- ❖ Financial Assistance for Needy Families
- ❖ Educational Assistance for Students
- ❖ Affordable Housing
- ❖ Small Business Development
 - ❖ Asian American Chamber
 - ❖ Small Business Development Program

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Access to City Services

- ❖ BAGA is engaging with Mayor and City Council Members
- ❖ Limited knowledge of city services
- ❖ Community members are interested to get more involved



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Changing Trends

- ❖ Higher migration
- ❖ More businesses
- ❖ Second generation is getting into the college
- ❖ Diversification of employment base

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How to Improve Community Involvement/Relations

- ❖ BAGA is actively engaged with City leaders
- ❖ City leaders to attend community events
- ❖ Presentation by the City Manager to the community
- ❖ City grants for BAGA and community activities
- ❖ Opportunities to serve in the Boards and Commission
- ❖ Assistance with small business development, MBE opportunities
- ❖ Assistance with healthcare needs
- ❖ Opportunities to volunteer services

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