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Ambassador Earl Miller is sworn in by Ambassador Sean Lawler as the next U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh as his son Alexander looks on, November 13, 2018. (U.S. Department of State photo)

Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) Special Agent and United States Ambassador Earl Miller was sworn in as the next U.S Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. This will be Earl Miller's second ambassadorship as he transitions from a four-year posting as U.S. Ambassador to Botswana. Ambassador Miller is only the third diplomatic security professional to be conferred the title of ambassador and the first to serve as ambassador twice.

Ambassador Miller joined the State Department as a Special Agent in the Diplomatic Security Service in 1987. His DS assignments include service as Senior Regional Security Officer in New Delhi, Baghdad, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Gaborone and Assistant Regional Security Officer in San Salvador. His domestic tours include International Operations, the San Francisco, Miami and Boston field offices. The swearing-in ceremony was held in the historic Treaty Room at the Department of State on November 13, 2018 before 50 colleagues, friends, and family members. He was joined by his son Alexander, several former U.S. ambassadors as well as Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin, Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for DSS Chris Schurman was in attendance along with seven of Ambassador Miller's former DS 35 classmates; Lon Fairchild, David Whitehead (retired), Wes Weller (retired), Michael Mack, Keith Walker, Mike Ross (retired), and Art Balek. They had nothing but kind words for their former classmate.



The remaining members of DS Class 35 attend the swearing-in of former classmate Earl Miller as U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. From left to right: Lon Fairchild, David Whitehead (retired), Wes Weller (retired). Michael Mack, Ambassador Earl Miller, Keith Walker, Mike Ross (retired), and Art Balek. Tom Scanlon still works for DS but was unable to attend the ceremony, November 13, 2018. (U.S. Department of State photo) "DS Class 35 began in May, 1987 and I think all of us would have agreed that if anyone was going to reach the rank of Ambassador, it would be Earl," Said Michael Mack, Regional Director Europe, Diplomatic Security Service.

Supervisory Special Agent Keith Walker used words like "steadfast" and "honorable" to describe his former classmate.

Ambassador Miller was happy to see so many old friends from DS at the ceremony. "Having DS agents I worked with and admired over the past three decades come to this ceremony is something I'll treasure and never forget – I'm honored and grateful," Said Ambassador Miller.

"It is a privilege and one of the great honors in my life to be entrusted by the president and secretary of state to represent the people of the United States and I take this responsibility with great humility and great joy, Miller said

Ambassador Miller's message to young Foreign Service officers, future leaders and ambassadors was simple; "be kind" "change the world with decency, civility and empathy."

More Photos of Ambassador Miller's swearing in can be found on the **DSS flickr page**  $\square$ .



Newly sworn in U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl Miller makes remarks to colleagues, friends, and family in the Treaty Room, November 13, 2018. (U.S. Department of State photo)





Ambassador Earl Miller gives two thumbs-up after being sworn in as the next U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, November 13, 2018. (U.S. Department of State photo)



