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### ICC Cricket World Cup 2015

Thirteen nations will join together with Australia for this year's ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, which commences on 14 February in Melbourne and Christchurch.

Some of the best cricketers in the world, including the most promising young and upcoming stars, will participate in 49 matches in Australia and New Zealand, over six weeks.

The tournament will be the biggest sporting event in the world in 2015, engaging one-fifth of the world's population and attracting a television audience of more than one billion people.



*Australian High Commissioner Mr Greg Wilcock, with the Bangladesh Cricket Board and Cricket Team*

In Australia and Bangladesh, people will be tuning in on television, radio and online to watch teams from across the world battle it out for the World Cup.

Australia is proud to welcome the Bangladesh cricket team and its fans. The World Cup is an opportunity to celebrate our enduring relationship, and to celebrate our thriving trade, family and education links.

Of course, cricket remains essential to our people-to-people ties – ties we saw renewed when Bangladesh hosted the ICC T20 World Cup last year.

Some of my friends in Bangladesh personally recall Australia and Pakistan playing in Dhaka in 1959. More recently, Trevor Chappell coached Bangladesh, and Australia supported Bangladesh's achievement of test status in 2000. A number of Australian professionals continue to work with the Bangladesh squad.

The Australian and Bangladesh teams – in Pool A, along with Afghanistan, England, New Zealand, Scotland and Sri Lanka – will play each other at the Gabba in Brisbane on 21 February.

Some commentators recall Bangladesh's win over Australia in Cardiff 10 years ago as the 'biggest upset in One Day International history'. Let's see what 21 February brings!

Although my loyalty to the Bangladesh team might lapse that day, I otherwise look forward to seeing the Tigers perform strongly. I wished them well during the Australia Day reception at my residence on 20 January, as did our many friends who joined us for the occasion.

For further information on the Cricket World Cup visit [www.icc-cricket.com.au](http://www.icc-cricket.com.au)