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AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION DHAKA

Australia works with Bangladesh to promote human rights

The Australian High Commission today hosted the public seminar “Australia and Bangladesh: Sharing Experiences in Protection of Human Rights”, at BRAC Centre Inn in Dhaka.

Honourable Law Minister HE Anisul Huq was Chief Guest. Speakers included Australian experts Murray Kellam AO and Dan O’Gorman SC, as well as representatives of Bangladesh’s National Human Rights Commission and other Bangladeshi experts.

The audience included representatives of Bangladesh’s legal community, and faculty and students from Dhaka University and BRAC University.



From left The Hon Murray Kellam AO QC, HE Mr Greg Wilcock, Australian High Commissioner, The Hon Justice Imman Ali, and HE Anisul Huq, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

The event was an opportunity for experts to highlight international human rights norms and conventions, the implementation of these in Australia and Bangladesh, and the role of national human rights commissions.

Among other subjects, the seminar examined the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the rights of women in society, the Refugee Convention, and the place that Public Interest Litigation plays in the enhancement of human rights.

Opening the event, Australian High Commissioner Greg Wilcock said “Australia's commitment to human rights endures: we were an original signatory to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and we remain a leading proponent of its full implementation”.

“Australia engages constructively in human rights dialogues and exchanges with a number of countries, in particular within Australia's region. Today's seminar is one such effort,” Mr Wilcock added.

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