

Bangladesh High Commission Canberra

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Bangladesh High Commissioner calls for unity among the community members during Victory Day celebration in Sydney

The enduring lesson of the Victory Day is that Bangladesh can achieve something big when the people are united for that cause. The Bangladesh community in Australia can also contribute both to Australia and to Bangladesh if they stand united. Bangladesh High Commissioner M. Humayun Kabir made this comment during a function for the Victory Day celebration organized by the Bangladesh Association of Australia in Sydney on 17 December 2006. The High Commissioner also urged the community members to connect the younger generation with the important landmark of our history, such as the Victory Day. Terming the victory as a continuous process, he said that Bangladesh, during the course of last 35 years has remained engaged in its fight against poverty, hunger, illiteracy, malnutrition and natural disaster, and has been able to achieve success in a number of areas, which has been recognized by the international community, the recent example being the award of Nobel Peace Prize to Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Bank. He encouraged the expatriate community to contribute innovative ideas so that Bangladesh can address developmental challenges more effectively and the world knows about the creativity and energy of the people of Bangladesh.

Presided over by Mr. Farooque Ahmed Khan, President of the Bangladesh Association of Australia in Sydney, the meeting was addressed among others, by Mr. Michael Daley, MP and Ms. Christina Keneally, MP, Mr. Anthony Khouri, Honorary Consul General of Bangladesh in Sydney and the former President of the Association Mr. Gama Abdul Quader.

Earlier the High Commissioner attended the “Bijoy Mela” organized by the Lakemba Bangla School and Bangladesh Community Council in Sydney on 16 December 2006. Around 3000 people participated in the daylong Mela which was rounded off with an attractive cultural programme in the evening.

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