

# **Bangladesh High Commission**

Canberra

## **Press Release**

### **Bangladesh High Commissioner presents his credentials**

The newly appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia Mr. M. Humayun Kabir has presented his credentials to the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC (Retd) in an official ceremony at the Government House in Canberra this morning. At his arrival at the Government House, the new High Commissioner was received by Mr. Noel Campbell, the Chief of Protocol, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

The Governor-General cordially welcomed Mr. Md. Humayun Kabir to Australia and wished him well in his new assignment. The new High Commissioner conveyed warm greetings from the Hon'ble President and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to the Governor-General, which he warmly reciprocated.

After the presentation ceremony was over, the Governor-General invited the new High Commissioner for a tête - à - tête at his private room. The Governor-General lauded Bangladesh's achievements in women empowerment, literacy, poverty alleviation and disaster management. He emphasised on expanding trade relations between Australia and Bangladesh. Bangladesh envoy expressed his satisfaction at the existing bilateral relations between the two countries and opined that it should further be expanded to new areas of economic interactions with more bilateral trade, investment, transfer of technology and development of human capital as essential components of this process. He also stressed on more people to people contact between the two countries.

At the ceremony, Mrs. Jefferey, the lady wife of the Governor-General, Dr. Geoff Raby, Deputy Secretary, DFAT, Mr Malcolm Hazell CVO, the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, were present. The High Commissioner's wife, Mrs. Rokeya Kabir and the officials of Bangladesh High Commission, Canberra, accompanied the new High Commissioner.

Later in the day, the Governor-General hosted a luncheon at the Government House in honour of the new High Commissioner.

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