



Press release

Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu and National Children's Day celebrated with spontaneous participation of children

Canberra, 18 March 2022:

102nd birth anniversary of Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day was celebrated in Canberra on 17 March 2022 amid festivity with the spontaneous participation of the children.

The evening event begins with the High Commissioner and officials and distinguished community members placing wreaths in front of the portrait of the Father of the Nation. Children participated in speech, poem recitation and singing where they highlighted Bangabandhu's love for children. In the morning Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia Mohammad Sufiur Rahman hoisted the national flag.

A discussion session was held where the young speakers recollected the Father of the Nation. Two young speakers from the community highly admired the sagacity and sacrifice of this great leader. They also discussed the leadership quality of Bangabandhu during the early stage of his life. In his remarks, the High Commissioner highlighted Bangabandhu's uncompromising stance Bengali language, culture, self-respect for Bangladeshis as well as indomitable leadership and farsightedness to secure the sovereign equality of the country. He encouraged the young children to read and know more about this great leader and work hard to build Bangabandhu's *Sonar Bangla*.

Messages from the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and State Minister for Foreign Affairs were read out. A Special munajat was also offered for the salvation of the departed souls of Bangabandhu, his family members, liberation war martyrs and for a peaceful, inclusive and prosperous Bangladesh.

