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Press Release

Replica of Bangladesh Jatiyo Sangsad Bhaban Inaugurated for Display in Canberra

28 March 2021, Canberra: A miniature of the Bangladesh Jatiyo Sangsad Bhaban was formally inaugurated on Sunday, 28 March 2021 at Cockington Green Gardens in Canberra. State Minister for Cultural Affairs, KM Khalid MP declared inauguration of the iconic landmark in virtual attendance of Foreign Secretary Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and Australian Ambassador to Bangladesh Jeremy Bruer. On State Minister's behalf Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia Mohammad Sufiur Rahman cut the ribbon. This event marked the end of three-day long celebration organized by the High Commission to observe 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh.

State Minister Khalid said that the miniature replica of the parliament building in a friendly country like Australia would help spread Bangladesh's democratic aspirations and liberal ethos to the Australian people. Foreign secretary Masud Bin Momen expressed hope that this miniature would inspire the young generation to know their roots and culture.

High Commissioner Sufiur Rahman shared background of design of the monument called, the greatest creation of world famous Architect Louis Kahn. He hoped that it would help project a brighter image of Bangladesh to the visitors of the Gardens. Australian High Commissioner Jeremy Bruer said that Bangladesh and Australia had many untapped opportunities and this type of initiative would certainly enhance people to people contact that would further boost trade and investment.

The High Commission signed a contract with the Cockington Green Gardens in September 2018 for constructing the replica of the Jatyio Sangsad Bhaban within 18 months of the signing of the contract. The project was funded by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. Due to the pandemic it was not possible to inaugurate the miniature before, despite being ready for more than a year.

The Cockington Green Gardens is one of the popular touristic spots in Canberra which is visited by more than 40,000 people from all over Australia and abroad every year. It has an international display area where more than 30 countries have replicas of iconic architectures of their national significance. Bangladesh community in Canberra long felt the need to establish an iconic structure of Bangladesh at the international display area of the Gardens. This display of Bangladesh meets this need. This is perhaps the first replica of a Bangladesh National Parliament overseas.

The present Bangladesh community at the inauguration ceremony expressed their extraordinary joy and pride. They appreciated this as a piece of Bangladesh in Australia that would continue to exhibit our rich culture and history.

