

BANGLADESH ENVIRONMENT NETWORK (BEN)

BEN Australian Chapter, Sydney Branch

Celebrating Ten years of BEN

Program Outline

Date & Time Saturday 1 November 2008; 09:30 am - 05:00 pm

Venue Lecture Theatre 4, Building EA, Fifth St, Rydalmere Campus of UWS
(please enter via Victoria Rd and follow BEN's directional signs).

Registration 9:00am - 09:30 am (Free)

Opening 09:30am -11:00am

Environment protection appeals from the younger generation

Ten Years of BEN in Protecting the Environment of Bangladesh- *Mr Kamrul Ahsan Khan, Coordinator BEN Australian Chapter*

Guest speaker: *Mr Mahbub Hassan Saleh, Acting High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Australia*

Guest speaker: *Mr Adam Wolfenden, Aid/Watch/Friends of Earth Australia*

Guest speaker: *Mr Lee Rhiannon, MLC, Australian Greens*

Guest speaker: *Hon Julie Owens MP, Federal Member for Parramatta*

Vote of Thanks: *Dr Swapan Paul, Convenor, BEN Australian Chapter (Sydney Branch)*

Morning Tea 11:00am - 11:15am

Seminar 11:15am - 01:30pm

Keynote Talk & Discussion - 1

The Environment of Bangladesh: Socio-economic Perspectives in the Context of Sea Level Rise, Climate Change and Natural Disasters
– *Barrister Harun ur Rashid, Ex-High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Australia*

Keynote Talk & Discussion - 2

The Environment of Bangladesh: Water Pollution, Water Crisis and Remedies
– *Dr Debashish Mazumder, Environmental Scientist*

Keynote Talk & Discussion - 3

The Environment of Bangladesh: Institutional Support, Problems and Prospects

– *Mr Mizanur Rahman Mazumder, Manager Safety and Environment - NSW Rail Corporation*

Recommendations & Close of Seminar

Lunch **01:30pm - 02:30 pm**

Public Forum **02:30pm - 03:30 pm**

Role of NRBs in Protecting the Environment of Bangladesh

– *Dr Nilufar Jahan, BEN Australian Chapter*

Public Discussion and recommendations

Sydney Declaration 2008 – *what's next?*

Prize Giving **03:30pm – 04:00 pm**

(Essay Competition)

Cultural Show **04:00pm – 04:30pm**

(Traditional Bangla)

Film Show **04:30pm – 05:00 pm**

(The Inconvenient Truth)

Closing **05:00pm**

WE WELCOME ALL TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

The Seminar and the Open Forum are open for all. For catering purposes, we'd appreciate it if you could kindly confirm your attendance by CoB Wednesday 29 October 2008.

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