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## Press Release

Chief Justice Rt. Hon. Mr. Bishowambhar Prasad Shrestha delivered a keynote address this afternoon as the Guest of Honour at the "International Conference on Judiciary Across the Borders: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges and Experiences from the Himalayas and Beyond" being held in Dhaka on 7-8 June 2024.

In his address, the Rt. Hon. Chief Justice underscored that the Constitution of Nepal guarantees the right to justice as a fundamental right and judicial independence as a core value. While highlighting the crucial components of judicial reform aimed at enhancing fairness, efficiency, and public trust, he stressed the ongoing preparations to formulate the 5<sup>th</sup> five-year strategic plan of the Judiciary.

He also underlined some significant decisions made by the Supreme Court of Nepal in safeguarding constitutionally guaranteed rights in diverse areas including food security, health rights, and social justice. He reiterated Nepal's commitment to ensuring access to justice through robust legal and institutional mechanisms, with the broader goal of achieving social transformation and establishing an egalitarian society based on the principles of participation and inclusion.

The Rt. Hon. Chief Justice had a meeting with Chief Justice Hon. Mr. Obaidul Hassan and Justices of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 7 June. Earlier yesterday, he also visited Tungipara, Gopalganj, and paid tribute to the 'Father of the Nation' of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Chief Justice of Bangladesh hosted dinner in his honour yesterday evening. Law Minister Hon. Mr. Anisul Huq and Justices of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh were among the guests present on the occasion.

The Rt. Hon. Chief Justice was accompanied by his spouse Ms. Roshani Amatya Shrestha, Registrar Mr. Bimal Paudel and Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari during his engagements.

The Rt. Hon. Chief Justice is on an official visit to Bangladesh from 6-9 June at the invitation of his Bangladeshi counterpart Hon. Mr. Obaidul Hassan. He will depart Dhaka for Kathmandu tomorrow morning.

Embassy of Nepal Dhaka

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