



## Press Release

In an extra-ordinary gesture, the commercial banks and financial institutions of Bangladesh, on the call of the Bangladesh Bank – the central bank of Bangladesh – came together with a mark of support and solidarity to the recent earthquake victims in Nepal. In a special function organized by the Bangladesh Bank on 1 June 2015, the Chairmen and CEOs of commercial banks and financial institutions of Bangladesh handed over the cheques with a total amount of TK 25,296,091.00 to H.E. Mr. Hari Kumar Shrestha, Ambassador of Nepal to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh as contributions to the Embassy’s Special Relief Fund for the earthquake victims.

Accepting the relief assistance, Ambassador Mr. Shrestha expressed profound appreciation to the banking sector of Bangladesh for their generous helping hand to the earthquake victims in Nepal. He stated that with the spontaneous and active support from friends and well-wishers of Nepal and the international community, the relief and rehabilitation works in the earthquake affected areas are progressing in full intensity. He also mentioned that the Government of Nepal is organizing the donor’s conference on 25 June 2015 to chart the medium and long-term action plan for the reconstruction of the infrastructures and physical properties damaged and destroyed by the earthquake.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest of the program Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor of Bangladesh Bank, expressed that as a close friend and neighbor, the people of Bangladesh were fully behind with the Nepali people at this hour of great distress. He also thanked the banking sector for promptly responding to the call of the Central Bank to come forward to extending helping hand to Nepal as part of the corporate social responsibility (CSR) for humanitarian relief.

The Bangladesh Bank had also collected huge quantity of blankets (56,328 pieces) and 5,507 pieces of tarpaulins for the immediate relief to the earthquake victims in Nepal. Twenty-seven commercial banks and Bangladesh Leasing and Finance Companies Association (BLFCA) had provided those relief materials at the call of the Bangladesh Bank. Those relief materials have already reached Nepal from Banglabandh-Fulbari land route. The CEOs of the donating banks and BLFCA made symbolic handover of those donated relief materials to Ambassador Mr. Shrestha during the programme.

On the occasion, a short poignant multi-media presentation entitled “**The Sun Will Rise Again**” was presented depicting the scale and severity of the damage wrought by the earthquake, and the hope, optimism, and the resilience of the Nepali people to rebuild the nation.

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