



**Consulate General of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sydney**



Press Release

Consulate General of Bangladesh in Sydney celebrates Sheikh Russel Day 2021

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The Consulate General of Bangladesh in Sydney observed the Sheikh Russel Day 2021 in their premises today with due fervour. Representatives from various political, social, cultural, and business organisations based in Sydney attended the event. The programme comprised recitations from the holy scriptures, a special prayer for the departed souls of Sheikh Russel, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and other martyred members of his family as well as for the continued prosperity of Bangladesh, the reading of statements issued by the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion, reading out of Sheikh Russel's biography, screening of documentary and discussions on the life of Sheikh Russel.

Consul General Khandker Masudul Alam, in his remarks, recalled with deep reverence the great sacrifices that the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members made for Bangladesh and Bangalees. Although Bangabandhu took many initiatives to uphold children's rights, including legislation of The Children Act, 1974, it was a tragedy of epic proportion that his 10-year-old son was unjustly stripped of his right to live during the heinous crime committed against the Bangabandhu and his family by the anti-liberation cohort on 15 August 1975, he said. Quoting Banabandhu's memories with Sheikh Russel from "Karagarer Rojnamcha", he reflected on the life of Sheikh Russel and his special relationship with his father.

The programme ended with a cake-cutting ceremony.



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