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Ambassador Ziauddin presents credentials to the Acting Governor-General of Belize.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Mohammad Ziauddin presented his credential to Acting Governor-General of Belize Carlos Perdomo on Monday (June 20) at his office "Belize House" in Belmopan as the first Ambassador of Bangladesh to Belize (non-resident).

Governor-General Carlos Perdomo welcomed the Ambassador in his office and received his credential papers.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Ziauddin conveyed to the Head of Government and Head of State the warm greetings of Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through the Governor-General, and also their warm invitation to visit Bangladesh as soon as convenient.

The Ambassador said Bangladesh and Belize will enjoy the best of relations and that Belize has been to Bangladesh a time tested, trusted and reliable partner in its development and progress. "It is now time to explore and find those potentials to contribute to the development of our two countries," he said.

Ambassador Ziauddin also stated that his prime objective is to strengthen cooperation and overall relationship of the two countries. Bangladesh and Belize have always been cooperating in all international forums and organizations, particularly in the United Nations and in the Commonwealth of nations. He urged that both the countries need to work together in multilateral issues like Climate Change.

The Ambassador also drew the kind attention of the Acting Governor-General to a small community of around 150 Bangladeshi origin people, mostly owning shops and small businesses, living in Belize. Their entrepreneurship and bustling business activities reflects a productive force in this country which they have adopted as their own.

In response, the Acting Governor-General said that the two countries would continue to work together in strengthening the bilateral relations, and for achieving our common goals. He also said that the Ambassador would get all support in carrying out his work during his tenure.

The Chief of Protocol of the host Government escorted Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin to the Belize House.

Earlier, the Ambassador had a call on with Prime Minister of Belize Dean O. Barrow. During an hour long meeting they discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations, and for achieving common goals of the two countries. The Prime Minister of Belize recollected his meeting with Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government's Meeting) held in Trinidad and Tobacco in 2009.

Ambassador Ziauddin also met with the Minister for Natural Resources and Immigration and Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belize prior to the presentation of credentials to the Acting Governor-General.

