

# **World Wetlands Day 2011 – Bangladesh**

**Greetings from WORLD PEACE MISSION (WPM) one of the largest peace NGO's in Bangladesh. We are working in diversified field like men and women empowerment, social development, health, education, disaster preparedness & management, environment restoration, wetland conservation, participatory wetland management, integrated water resources management, public awareness, capacity building to manage disaster etchas celebrated World Wetlands Day 2011 successfully through seminar and presentation ceremony, campaign and distribute message of Secretary general (Ramsar Convention on Wetlands).**

This year WPM has celebrated WWD 2011 in important districts (Dhaka) and organized large-scale programs in Bangladesh. This part is important for wetland values both ecologically and economically and essential for wetland conservation. WPM has promoted and involved different GO, NGO, local community and different level of people to celebrate World Wetlands Day 2011. WPM organized WWD 2011 programs jointly with **Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS)**.

## **WWD 2011 in Dhaka (Capital City of Bangladesh)**

WPM has celebrated WWD 2011 through seminar at National press club (VIP Lounge) in Dhaka on 1st February. WPM has involved other NGO of TMSS and jointly organized the seminar. The seminar topic was "**FORESTS FOR WATER AND WETLANDS**". Dr. Kamal Kumar Saha, Founder & Chairman of WPM, presided over the seminar. The seminar was address by State Minister, (Ministry of Land) Advocate Mostafizur Rahman M.P. as the Chief Guest. Managing Editor( Bangla Division), Voice of America, Washington D.C. Mrs Rokeya Haider, Water Resources Planning Organization and Haor & Wetlands development Board, Bangladesh Ex. Director General Eng. M. Inamul Haque, TMSS Director,Advisor of WPM Dr. Ashis Sankar Neogi, IncomeTax Consultant Advocate S.R.Saha, Md Motiur Rahaman Sinior Assistance Director of TMSS address the seminar as Special Guest.

**Water Resources Planning Organization & Haor & Wetlands development Board, Bangladesh Ex. Director General Eng. M. Inamul Haque, (Key note Speaker) presented papers on the seminar.**

The speakers said sound wetlands could contribute to a healthy and sustainable economic condition. Therefore, the wetlands should be utilized for welfare of the people by protecting those from ruination and preserving biodiversity through proper and time-befitting work plans. Bangladesh have 10% forests of total land. But we are not sure about that because we are destroys our forests & environments ourself. Our govt. some forests given lease. They cutting our trees & catching mother fishes .

**Chief Guest Advocate Mostafizur Rahman M.P.** said a coordinated plan would have to be adopted for preservation of wetlands and natural resources. Step should be taken at the state level and awareness created among the people of all strata on the issue to get international recognition, he said and added international cooperation is also required for preservation of biodiversity. We are effected our climate change adaption in bangladesh.

**Dr. Kamal Kumar Saha** said for ensuring healthy wetlands GO, NGO and different level of people should work together. He also said build up strong platform both national and international level and exchange knowledge and technology for wetlands conservation and its wise use. He thanks to Ramsar Bureau and specially thanks to Secretary General, Anada Tiega, Ramsar Convention on wetlands for encouraging and supporting.

**Seminer operate by Advocate Md. Nizam Uddin Nishar.**

Teachers, students, wetlands specialists, environmentalists, journalists, Bangladesh scouts, VOA, Center for Social Development on human rights Bangladesh, Aristocrate lawyers association, Bangladesh kabadi Federation, Vice Chairman Dr. Bijon Kumar Das, Treasurer of WPM Mr Shamal Kumar Saha, Executive member of WPM Mr. Napur Kumar Brahma, Executive member of WPM Dr. A H Mubarak Hussain, Executive Director of Great One Foundation Md. Ahsk Alam Aopu and different level of people attended the seminar. National TV media telecast the program and newspaper coverage this program.

### Message from the Chairman of WPM





# WORLD WETLAND DAY-2011



*"Forests for Water and Wetlands"*

Chief Guest:

**Advocate Mostafizur Rahman, M.P.**

Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Land, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Special Guests:

**Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy, Chairman,** Bangladesh Homoeopathic Board, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum** (Ashoka Fellow & PHE), Founder & Chairman, TMSS

**Rokeya Haider,** Managing Editor (Bangla Division), Voice of America, Washington, D.C.

**Eng. M. Inamul Haque,** Ex DG, Haor & Wetlands Development Board

**Dr. Ashis Sankar Neogi,** Advisor, World Peace Mission

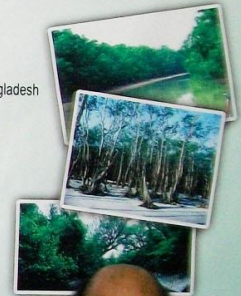
**S.R. Saha,** Advocate & Tax Consultant

Presided by:

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Place: National Press Club (V.I.P Lounge)

10:30 A.M. Date: 1st Feb



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