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Australian High Commissioner farewells Bangladesh National Men's Cricket Team

On 29 September, at his residence, Australian High Commissioner Jeremy Bruer and a large group of well-wishers farewelled the Men's National Cricket Team before they departed to compete in the ICC T20 Cricket World Cup 2022 in Australia.

Speaking at the event, the High Commissioner reflected on Australians' and Bangladeshis' mutual love of cricket. He said it was fitting the Bangladesh team was visiting Australia during the year-long celebrations of 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. "I am confident the team will receive a great welcome in Australia," said the High Commissioner. "You won't be short of friends there -- especially now that Australia is home to around 80,000 people with a Bangladeshi background."

The State Minister for Youth and Sports, Md Zahid Ahsan Russel MP, took this opportunity to wish the best for Bangladesh and Australian cricket teams in World Cup. He said: "Now Bangladesh is a glamorous name in the fields of sports globally. Football, cricket, hockey, archery, swimming and many other games are very popular and promising. We have achieved the outstanding glory of being world champions in the ICC under-19 World Cup 2020. Very recently, our women football team has achieved SAFF championship." He said he hoped Australia and Bangladesh would meet in the World Cup final.

Among others present at the event were the State Minister for ICT, Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP, heads of diplomatic missions, senior representatives of the Bangladesh government, representatives of the business community, and, as guests of honour, most of the players from the Bangladesh men's T20 squad.

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