

Bangladesh unveils its first anti-corruption stamp

Dhaka 24 February 2011: The country's first-ever anti-corruption commemorative stamp bearing the slogan 'Say No to Corruption', along with its first-day cover, was unveiled here today by Mr. Ghulam Rahman, Chairman, Anti-Corruption Commission.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) took the initiative with active support of the Bangladesh Post Office to bring out the commemorative stamp to mark the International Anti-Corruption Day 2010.

ACC Commissioners Habibur Rahman and Abul Hasan Monjur Mannan and ACC Secretary Md. Foyzur Rahman, Chair of TIB Trustee Board M. Hafizuddin Khan and TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Director General of the Bangladesh Post Office Mobbasherur Rahman were among others present in the event at the conference room of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said that the publication and unveiling of this anti-corruption stamp is an important step forward in the social movement against corruption in Bangladesh. "Although there are gaps between expectations and reality in terms of fulfilling the anti-corruption electoral commitment of the government, we commend and thank the Government for supporting this important initiative", he said. He also thanked Bangladesh Post Office for extending the support for publication of this anti-corruption stamp.

Priced at Taka five, this colorful stamp measuring 32x46 millimeters contains an anti-corruption cartoon drawn by Sadatuddin Ahmed Emil who secured the first prize in the TIB's Second Anti-Corruption Cartoon Competition in 2007. The first-day cover measuring 175x95 millimeters also contains another cartoon by Manobendra Goldar who secured the first prize in TIB's fifth anti-corruption cartoon competition in 2010.

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