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CSO Leaders in an Environment Journalists Dialogue in Chattogram

**Development Might Kill Environment if not Cared**

Chattogram, 16 February 2020: COAST Trust and Journalists Network of Bengal Delta (JNBD) jointly organized a dialogue titled “Prospects and Challenges of Environment Journalists in the Coastal Area” today at the Chattogram Press Club. Senior journalist and writer Mr. Abul Momen was the chief guest of the dialogue while Mr. Ali Abbas, Chairperson of the Chattogram Press Club chaired and Mr. Manash Ghosh, Senior News Editor of ATN Bangla moderated the dialogue.

Keynote paper is presented by Mr. Razib Nandy, Assistant Professor of Communication and Journalism Department, University of Chittagong and Barkat Ullah Maruf, Joint Director of COAST Trust. Barkat Ullah Maruf mentioned the burning issues of environment in Bangladesh while Rajib Nany stressed on the challenges and prospocets of environmenta journalism at the coastal area.

Mr. Sikandar Khan, VC of East Delta University, Professor Manjurul Kibria, Zoology department, University of Chittagong also the organizer of Halda river movement of Chittagong, Hasan Maruf Rumee, Convenor Ganasamhati Andolon, Jesmin Sultana Paru, Chairperson of ADAB, Chattogram spoke in the dialogue. Mustafa Kamal Akanda, Director, COAST Trust puts the closing remarks and vote of thanks.

Writer and Journalist Mr. Abul Momen said, the society and culture is built on the characteristics of this Bengal Delta and we should have been able to build all the development according to that. We need Padma bridge but we need to check what environmental impact will be on Padma river.

Mr. Sikandar Khan said we developed road transport which is not equivalent to the geography of our land but we have neglected the river transport which is sustainable and low cost.

Mr. Ali Abbas said, the City Corporation of Chattogram is 40 years old but we still don’t have a proper dumping ground and a recycling process in this city.

Mr. Manash Ghosh said, we are looking forward to arrange technical and knowledge based training for the local level journalists who are the vanguard of the local level environment.

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