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University of Canberra eyes branch campus in Bangladesh

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University Grants Commission chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed presides over a meeting with an Australia's University of Canberra delegation and others at UGC building in Dhaka on Monday. | Press release photo

Australia's University of Canberra has expressed interest in establishing a branch campus in Bangladesh to expand access to international-standard higher education.

An eight-member delegation conveyed the proposal during a courtesy call on University Grants Commission chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed on Monday, said a press release on Tuesday.



The delegation was led by Major General Md Hasan Uz Zaman, chairman of the Jalsiri Housing Project, and included University of Canberra vice-chancellor and president Professor Bill Shorten, deputy vice-chancellor and vice-president for academic Professor Michael Lincoln, and chief global engagement officer Fiona Richards, among others.

From the UGC, Professor Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Professor Md Saidur Rahman, Professor Masuma Habib and Professor Mohammad Ayub Islam, director for private university management department Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan and director for the international cooperation department, Jasmine Parveen, were present, among others.

The proposed campus would operate under the supervision of the Bangladesh Army. Representatives from the armed forces and education sector also attended the meeting.

Discussions focused on strengthening higher education through international collaboration and creating opportunities for students to access globally recognised degrees at home. The delegation said the initiative could help develop professional skills and reduce the need for students to study abroad.

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