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# New CJ for restoring discipline in judiciary

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Newly appointed Chief Justice (CJ) Mohammad Ruhul Amin in his maiden speech yesterday stressed the need for restoring discipline in the Supreme Court.

"Let us take the vow for restoring discipline at all levels of the institution and also of being mutually respectful," he said addressing a reception accorded by the Supreme Court Bar Association.

Describing the people's confidence particularly that of the litigants as the 'soul' of the apex court, he said, "Unfortunately for some time past the people in general, particularly the litigants are whispering about integrity and impartiality of the institution. I am sure the same is not correct.

"But unfortunate part is that there is certainly some lapses on the part of

all of us associated with the institution from the path followed by our predecessors, who added dignity and honour to this institution."

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Earlier, in the morning Justice Amin was sworn in as the chief justice. President Iajuddin Ahmed administered the oath at a ceremony at the Bangabhaban.

"Discipline, cordiality and mutual respect were the order of the institution," observed Ruhul Amin adding that for no reason the ardently followed and practised discipline and other traditions have become a matter of the past.

"And thereupon has risen a situation which is not desired by any one who feels proud of introducing himself as the member of the institution," he said.

Supreme Court and High Court judges, lawyers, and the government law officers including the attorney general attended the felicitation programme at the CJ's courtroom.

Ruhul Amin said, "Time is high now for realisation by all that discipline, cordiality and mutual respect among the members of the legal community in its entirety is a must, since in the absence of those and other allied matters it would be difficult for the institution to function and of being a meaningful institution for the purpose same exists."

The CJ sought cooperation of the Bar and others having something to do in the discharge of the matters connected with the

administration of justice in discharging the functions and duties of the office of chief justice.

SCBA President Barrister Amir-Ul Islam welcomed the new chief justice and said, "We will be determined in our efforts to uphold the image and protect independence of the judiciary."

Attorney General Fida M Kamal said Justice Amin has always showed respect and commitment for the protection of human rights and human dignity in every aspect of his judicial work.