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Message

I am extremely delighted to know that a meeting of the *Global Judicial Institute for the Environment* is going to be held in Brazil from May 19-21, 2017. I have great pleasure in congratulating the organizers who are playing very significant role in creating a climate friendly globe.

Environmental law has emerged as one of the most important and fastest branches of international law due to the magnitude of the environmental problems in the present world and finely tuned global awareness for addressing them. Law is a powerful device to protect environment. Environmental Law is changing quickly at both international and national level to reflect the development of global environmental crisis and new scientific knowledge about such crisis. Efforts by international, regional, national and non-governmental organizations over the decades on the issue of judicial capacity building in Environmental Law and related areas and contribution of the courts, tribunals and judicial institutions, in fact, compelled the world community to set up a Global Judicial Institute for the Environment. Education especially on environment now is at the heart of our society, as it nourishes the development of the world at large. Quality education that is accessible to all concerned, attuned to social needs and individual aspirations, and fosters responsible and sustainable development, has been objective of the world community for many years now. My wholehearted congratulation to my dear friends who have endeavored tremendously to finally establish such an Institute where Judges, Lawyers, Law students and all concerned shall have an opportunity for exchanging information, creating partnerships for collaboration, strengthening capacity and providing research and analyzing on topics important for environmental adjudication, court practices and environmental rule of law. Despite its resource constraint, Bangladesh is committed to provide all sorts of assistance and support for the cause of environment.

It cannot be denied that a complete and comprehensive by-laws is *sine qua non* for a smooth and better functioning of the *Global Judicial Institute for the Environment*. I strongly believe that the meeting will surely achieve its goal.

I wish a resounding success of the aforesaid meeting.

Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha
Chief Justice of Bangladesh