

EDITORIAL NOTE

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”
– *Robert Swan*

No, this is our call, our responsibility to protect our environment, because our existence banks on the sustainable environment. With a view to encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment, every year ‘World Environment Day’ is celebrated on 5 June with much enthusiasm. This ritual was established by the United Nations at the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human and Environment. In 2022, the theme of the day was ‘Only One Earth’ focusing on living sustainability in harmony with nature. To focus the theme of the World Environment Day 2022, and encouraging awareness, the 1st National Conference on Environmental Law and Policy which was successfully organized by the Department of Law, Green University of Bangladesh on July 22-23, 2022 was titled ‘The Challenges of Sustainable Living in Harmony with Nature in Bangladesh: Discovering the Way Out by Environment-Friendly Law and Policy’. This conference was attempted to answer the question of how the concept of sustainable development of environmental issues has been developed, interpreted, implemented, and adopted into various national as well as international areas addressing global environmental laws and policies.

The ‘1st National Conference on Environmental Law & Governance’ genuinely upheld the core value titled ‘Green Thinking and Living’ of the Green University of Bangladesh and was greatly appreciated by the Ministry of Environment and was broadcasted in the newspapers and news media. The conference was enriched by several quality paper presentations by distinguished presenters on significant environmental issues. The conference acted as a very conducive platform for exchanging ideas and information among researchers from diverse fields of law, social science and environment engineering. The academic debates and discourses of this conference motivated the concerted efforts towards a better sustainable environment.

As per the established norms of the conferences, we sent papers to the editorial panel for rigorous peer review process and took initiatives to publish the papers accepted by the editorial panel in the ELP Special Issue under the Green University Review of Social Sciences (GURSS) Journal.

We are greatly indebted to the Green University of Bangladesh authority for extending their supports which will significantly increase the research culture not only in the Department of Law but also in other departments.

We aspire to continue such a successful legacy year after year with enhanced potential and output.

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