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Cmprehensive efforts stressed to graduate from LDC

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Speakers at a seminar on Saturday stressed the need for taking comprehensive preparations for the country's sustainable graduation from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) as Bangladesh will not avail itself of the LDC facilities in the world trade after the transitional period.

They also demanded that proper initiatives should be taken to remove existing discrimination in different sectors for sustainable development.

EquityBD and LDC Watch jointly organised the seminar on "LDC Graduation and Sustainable Development Approach: Bangladesh Perspective" at the Cirdap Auditorium in the city.

Chaired by Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation Chairman Dr Qazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmed, the seminar was addressed, among others, by Senior Secretary of GED and Planning Commission member Dr Shamsul Alam, ERD Additional Secretary Md Anwar Hossain and International Coordinator of LDC Watch Gauri Pradhan.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, the Chief Moderator of EquityBD, moderated the

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seminar while Syed Aminul Hoque presented the keynote paper.

In his speech, Dr Qazi Khaliquzzaman said the most important issue of Bangladesh's graduation from the LDCs is the dignity of the nation. "We deserve this status and it is not anyone's kindness for us," he said.

"We've achieved this based on our hard work and performance. We might lose some facilities and advantages that LDCs enjoy in the world's economic activities. But, we need to look ahead as we can do better by ourselves," he added. Dr Shamsul Alam said quality education could be the key focus to face the upcoming challenge for Bangladesh while graduating the LDC status as the current way of education is not meeting the need of development challenges. Mentioning that the biggest challenge towards the sustainability in LDC graduation is climate disaster and inequalities, Rezaul Karim underscored the need for developing climate-resilient infrastructure.