

# Two-day int'l conference begins at KU

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A two-day international conference titled Peace Building through Arts and Humanities began at Khulna University on Saturday, aiming to highlight the transformative role of cultural expression in fostering global harmony.

Organised by the school of arts and humanities, the conference opened at the university's Liaquat Ali Auditorium, with vice-chancellor Professor Md Rezaul Karim attending as chief guest.

In his inaugural address, the VC said that the world today was plagued by conflict and division and sustainable peace cannot be achieved solely through legal frameworks or political agreements.

‘Peace must be rooted in human empathy, culture, shared memory and our collective humanity,’ he emphasised, noting that arts and humanities were essential tools in cultivating these values.

Referring to the July uprising, the VC praised the powerful role of students and youth in using creative means such as songs, graffiti, short videos, and social media writings to demand peace and justice.

‘These were not just protests but powerful artistic expressions that embodied unity and inspired hope,’ he said.

‘Khulna University is committed to advancing these ideals through interdisciplinary education and both national and international partnerships,’ he added.

Pro-VC Professor Md Harun-or-Rashid Khan addressed the session as special guest, while dean of the school of arts and humanities Professor Md Shahjahan Kabir chaired the event.