Mongolian journalists attend Global Conference for Media Freedom in London

The two-day conference received over 1,500 participants from across the world: world leaders, journalists, civil society, and academics discussed the issues of violence and harassment against the free press. The main output of the discussions was a <u>Global Pledge on Media Freedom</u>, signed at the conference by representatives of governments from around the world.

The British Embassy Ulaanbaatar organised for Mr. Lkhagva Erdene, board member of the Mongolian Press Institute, Ms. Bolortuya Chuluunbaatar, editorin-chief of Ikon News Agency, and Mr. Anand Tumurtogoo, freelance journalist to attend the conference. The Mongolian delegates provided their thoughts on the conference on their social media channels, and recorded a video for the British Embassy Ulaanbaatar's social channels to promote media freedom in Mongolia.

Every day around the world journalists risk their lives to report the news for us. To defend media freedom, UK Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland announced the creation of a Global Media Defence Fund, which will support, train and provide legal support for journalists in the most dangerous parts of the world. The UK committed £3 million to the new fund. Separately, the UK has contributed £15 million to the Protecting Media Freedom programme, a Department for International Development funded-initiative that seeks to tackle the root causes of the global crisis in independent media.