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Reception ceremony of DAM

## Child-like simplicity can not develop in worldly people

Child-like simplicity can not develop in worldly people. One becomes old when childlike simplicity goes away from him. The child-like simplicity and attitude in a person dries away gradually when he meddles in worldly profit and loss, engrossed in material gain and become tensed. Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed said this while speaking as Chief Guest at a reception ceremony organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) in honor of Child Specialist National Professor Dr. M.R. Khan on his receipt of Ekushey Padak-2009 on March 14, 2009 at the Mission Bhaban Auditorium in the city. He further said, through giving,



simplicity emerges followed by light, the person seems to be easy and does not look tensed. We become frightened while looking at majority people specially the city dwellers. It seems they are hatching some plans with the ulterior motive to grab something. But when we look at Dr. M.R.

Khan, we don't become frightened, there is a child-like simplicity in his appearance, he observed. While speaking as guest of honour, Barrister Rafique-ul Huq said, the nation becomes proud through honoring man of quality. He said, professor Dr. M.R. Khan is a good man and hope [See page 3]

## 10 risks responsible for increase in women and child trafficking

10 risks are responsible for the increase of women and child trafficking. These risks include extreme poverty, cruelty against women and child, open border and illegal border crossing. The main cause is poverty which is at the same time is a hindrance to development.

Jessore Deputy Commissioner (DC) Howlader Jakir Hossain said this while speaking as chief guest at a workshop held on Wednesday, 18 March 2009 at the conference room of Jessore DC. He further said, it will help positively to combat trafficking if different programs are taken to combat these risks with the participation of local government [See page 3]

## Ahsania Malaysia Hajj Investment Co. opens its 2nd branch

Ahsania-Malaysia Hajj Investment and Finance Company Ltd (AM-HIFC) opened its 2nd branch at Baitul Mukarram Masjid Complex on March 29. Barrister Rafique-ul Huq, Chairman of the company inaugurated the branch as chief guest.

Malaysian High Commissioner in Dhaka Hamizan Hashim was present in the function as special guest, while Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President, Dhaka Ahsania Mission & Director of AM-HIFC presided over the session. [See page 2]

For the qualitative development of primary education

## Skill development of poor parents for child upkeep important



Skill development and awareness building of poor parents for child upkeep are important. Moreover, active participation of mother and children belonging to poor community is necessary. Initial care and development of children help to lay the

foundation of education through out their lives. This also helps their development related to the process of learning. Besides, developing a positive attitude towards learning, it helps overall development of the child. In order to help [See page 2]

## Under-privileged working children become victim of poverty

Due to low income and lack of skill, children in the society under-privileged working children become victim of poverty become victim of the vicious circle of poverty. As per child policy survey report (2007-08), the number of children in the country constitute 31.77% out of the total population of 14 crore. There are 20 lac children in the cities deprived of opportunities many of whom are engaged in hazardous works with minimum or no salary. The majority of these children are deprived of education and especially the condition of deprived children in the cities is beggar's description.

Speakers said this in a seminar titled 'Development of working environment of urban children' organized by Urban Community Learning Centre (UCLC) of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) held on March 28, 2009 at the Caritas Auditorium of [See page 2]



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Amongst other, Members of the Board M Ehsanur Rahman, Shazali Shauf, Ahmed AI-Sadder, Chairman of the Shariah Council Prof A. R. M. Ali Haider, Managing Director Dr. Rosli Bin Yaakop and Company Secretary Md. Shafi Uddin were present in the inaugural function it was also attended by distinguished representatives from banks, NBFIs and members of different trade bodies. Speakers in the occasion said the inauguration of the new branch would contribute to unfold a new horizon of deposit and investment for the Muslims of the country. With this expansion of AM-HIFC outlet at the National Mosque premises, it will become easier for the Muslims of Bangladesh to plan and prepare for performing Hajj in the Holy land, they added.

In the opening ceremony of the branch, Barrister Rafique-ul Huq also declared official launching of a new mode of Investment namely 'Musharakah Mutanaqisah' for property financing. AM-HIFC is a joint venture company owned by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Global Hajj & Umrah International Corporation (GHUIC), Malaysia along with Kuwaiti partnership.

Following the pilgrim management model of Malaysian 'Tabung Haji', to make planning and performance of Hajj easier for Bangladeshi, AM-HIFC has launched various flexible savings plan to accommodate the general masses of the country.

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development of child, ECDSP-B Project enhances the capacity of family, society, school and state so that children grow up with sound body and mind. DAM Program Director Shafiqul Islam said this at the partnership agreement signing ceremony on March 29, 2009 at the Mission Bhaban Auditorium at Dhanmondi. He further said, guardians will have to come forward for the development of children of 0-6 year age group.

The partnership agreement was signed with three local NGOs who are working as development partners of DAM ECDSP-B project which is being implemented with the initiative of Dhaka Ahsania Mission with the financial and technical support of CIDA and Aga Khan Foundation, Bangladesh. On behalf of DAM, Shafiqul Islam signed this agreement while on behalf of three development partners AVAS, JAGONARI and MULTI TAX, Executive Director Rahima Sultana Kajal, Hoshne Ara Hashi and Azad Mallick signed the agreement.

Among others AKFB Senior Program Manager Flaurie Storie, Program Manager Abdus Salam Miah and Dhaka Ahsania Mission ECDSP-B Project Manager Md. Shahidul Islam spoke on the occasion. Directors of different divisions of the organization and Project Managers were present on the occasion.

## 20% new teachers leave profession due to lack

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University of Science & Technology (AUST) Education Faculty held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the Mission Bhaban Auditorium at Dhanmondi in the capital.

He further said that training materials will have to be locally written and produced if externally produced materials are scarce or insufficiently relevant. Moreover the curriculum must have the flexibility to take into account the trainer's prior experiences. Pre service structures will have to be oriented to the experiences, priorities and concerns of both male and female teachers. Gender equality will have to be given due importance and it should be a specific topic of study. UNESCO Bangladesh Former Representative Dr. Wolfgang Vollmann was the key-note speaker. DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman conducted the seminar while AUST Education Faculty Dean Professor Fatema Khatun and DAM Senior Program Officer Nafiz Uddin Khan took part in the discussion. Guests also participated in the open discussion.



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Mirpur Pallabi in the capital. Shahida Tareq Diptee, Dhaka-4 MP from female reserve quota was the chief guest at the seminar presided over by DAM Deputy Director Dewan Shorab Hossain. Administrative Officer, M. A Majid Babul of the Ministry of Youth and Sports was present as special guest. The address of welcome was delivered by DAM Program Coordinator Tariq Masud. DAM Program Officer Sharif Hossain shared experiences at the field level. On behalf of guardians, Md. Jashim Uddin and Shakila Akther on behalf of the working children spoke at the seminar.

Speakers further said, UCLCs of Mirpur and Mohammadpur run by DAM are working to create awareness among the children about their rights and duties to the society. Already guardians of the deprived children have become aware of the necessity of education and rights of the children. The service providers are also playing positive role for their education and skill development which would further help production and quality of work.



## Govt. will take measures to amend tobacco control law

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weak points of the law would have to be strengthened in such a way that the tobacco companies can not take advantage of the loop wholes of the Tobacco Law. She opined, the concerned representative responsible for the implementation of tobacco control will have to be more skilled in framing the application and implementation strategy of the law. For this, if necessary, government and NGOs will have to take concerted initiative for their training. The attitude of tobacco companies will have to be challenged, she suggested.

With the initiative of DAM and support of American Cancer Society, Cancer Research UK and

Framework Convention Alliance, WHO Technical Officer Irshad Chowdhury was the keynote speakers at the workshop. DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman, Hunger Free World Country Director Ataur Rahman Milton and The Union Technical Consultant Dr. Md. Akramul Islam participated in the discussion.

WHO Technical Officer Irshad Chowdhury said, recommendation for amending the Tobacco Control Law have already been submitted to the Health Ministry. The Ministry would take initiative for the amendment she hoped.

## Education with humane qualities

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30, 2009 at the college campus at Pallabi, Mirpur in the capital. He further said, one has to achieve good result for getting admission a good college in this competitive world. Otherwise it will be difficult to get the scope of higher education in a good university. He suggested the students to give devotion to studies so that each student can get GPA-5. He hoped that in the next 3 years AMC would emerge as a model college in the country.

Presided over by DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman, DAM General Secretary Md. Ziauddin spoke as special guest at the function. Besides College Principal Prof. Md. Atiar Rahman and Vice-Principal Md. Mafizur Rahman spoke at the function.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam distributed prizes among the winners of the annual competition which was concluded by a cultural function performed by the students.



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and people.

Cross Border Anti Trafficking (C-BAT) Program of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Concern Universal organized the workshop titled "Sharing of information and experience gathered through research for mapping risk in women and child trafficking". Additional District Magistrate Shanjoy Kumar Bhowmick and District Women Affairs Officer Kauser Pervin were present as special guests at the workshop. Concern Universal Human Rights Division Chief Shankar Pal presented the information gathered through research at the workshop. Dhaka Ahsania Mission C-BAT Coordinator Rawsan Ara conducted the workshop and Jessore Field Coordinator Kamruzzaman delivered the address of welcome.



## Citizens will have to be active to get quality

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Social-Welfare, Fisheries & Livestock and health services given by various organizations at the upazila level. The representative of the service provider institution/organization will play the leading role in this regard. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has created social services and information technology facility through 553 Ganokendras (peoples centre) 32 Community Resource Centres (CRC) at the grass roots level which will minimize information gap between people of cities and villages.

Presided over by DAM Programme Director Shafiqul Islam, the inaugural session was addressed by Programme Coordinator Komol Kumar Joarddar, IT Specialist Sheikh Shafiqur Rahman and Programme Officer Yeasmin-ara Baby of DAM.

It may be mentioned, a total of 25 project workers of 44 unions under 8 upazilas of Jessore, Jhenaidah, Narshingdi and Jamalpur districts are participating in this workshop which continued upto March 9, 2009.

## Child-like simplicity can not develop

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fully he will receive more honor for which we are waiting. He further observed that, both Professor Dr. M.R. Khan and Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed are children in once sense one offers treatment to one children, another is involved for the mental development of children.

In his presidential address DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, people have to dream, all people dream. While majority dream for self interest, some people dream for development and welfare of the people and society. We can not expect anything good from him who can not dream. The dream becomes successful when it brings positive change for the people and nation. He observed, Professor Dr. M.R. Khan has been working to implement his dream.

Ekushey Padak-2009 recipient Professor Dr. M.R. Khan said, Allah helps one who has a sincere purpose and opined that the life and works of DAM founder Khanbahadur Ahsanullah is our inspiration.

On behalf of DAM Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed presented a crest to Dr. M.R. Khan. Presided over by DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam the function was graced by Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed as Chief Guest and Barrister Rafique-ul Huq as guest of honour. DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman, Satkhira Janasamiti President Md. Fakruddin and Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman of Sishu Shasto Foundation spoke on the occasion.

## Citizens will have to be active to get quality service from govt. and NGOs

Citizens will have to be active to get quality service from government and NGOs for which they have the obligation. Citizen Charter and Right to Information Ordinance will play supporting role to access this service.

Speakers said this at the inaugural session of a 3 daylong orientation workshop titled "Capacity Building of Community to Realize Human Rights" organized by Human Rights and Social Justice Sector Access Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, with the support of CORDAID, of the Netherlands, held on March 7, 2009 at the Mission Bhaban Auditorium in the capital.

Speakers further said a conscious citizen alone can contribute to the development of the society. Citizens will have to come forward to access the facilities available provided by various departments e.g. Education, Women & Child Affair, Youth Development, [See page 3]

## 20% new teachers leave profession due to lack of primary proper training

20% new teachers leave profession due to lack of primary proper training. The future of teaching profession largely depends on the experience of giving primary teaching. The low social status and professional structure of teachers is a recurrent concern for which authority should solve problems related to career, incentives and status.

UNESCO Bangladesh Former Representative Dr. Wolfgang Vollmann said this while speaking at a seminar titled "Critical Analysis of Teacher Training in South Asia" organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) with the support of Ahsanullah [See page 2]



## Govt. will take measures to amend tobacco control law

Govt. will take all measures to amend tobacco control law. This will be done on the basis of unified consensus of all concerned. Health & Family Welfare Secretary Shaikh Altaf Ali said this while speaking as chief guest at a workshop titled "Tobacco Control Act and what is to be done by us" held on Monday,

3 March 2009 at the Mission Bhaban Auditorium, Dhanmondi in the capital.

He further said, leaders of all strata of the society will have to be free from smoking otherwise consciousness will not develop. For this media will have to play the leading role. I believe, Honorable Members of

Parliament will also come up in this regard.

In his Presidential address Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, a 6-member committee has been formed with Barrister Tania Ameer as convener involving NGOs for amending Tobacco Control Law.

He also said, according to information of Health Ministry, approximately 57 thousand people die annually and 3 lacs 82 thousand become physically handicapped as a consequence of tobacco use. Tobacco is cultivated annually in an area of 25 thousand 9 hundred and 70 hectares in the country which gives earning of 2 thousand 4 hundred crore taka against the expenditure of 5 thousand crore taka. This means the country incurs a loss of 2 thousand 6 hundred crore taka annually with which a lot of development of the country would have been possible.

In her speech Barrister Tania Ameer said, the [See page 3]



## Education with humane qualities will have to be attained

Acquiring education is not enough, humane qualities too will have to be attained. Human values will have to be nourished. Each child is born as genius. If this latent genius is nourished properly, target may be reached.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said this while speaking as chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony of Ahsania Mission College (AMC) Annual Sports and Literary competition held on Monday, March [See page 3]

## The International Woman Day Observed

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) observed international women's day with a call for stopping violence against women and children as this year theme of the day was 'Unite men and women to end violence against women and girl'. DAM chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day. DAM's women day programmes include discussion meeting, rally, and cultural functions. DAM programmes were held at the central level as well as at the field. A total number of 73705 people took part in different programmes organized by DAM. Dhaka Ahsania Mission observed International Women Day in 2310 spots of 25 districts including Dhaka, chittagong, Noakhali, Bhola, Laxmipur, Barguna, Patuakhali, Barisal, Jamalpur, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Kishorgonj, Sunamgonj, Narshingdi, Narayangonj, Gazipur, Jessore, Jhenaidah, Satkhira, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari.