DAM President urges staffs at Retreat-2010

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Start with small change at individual level to bring about big change through collective efforts. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam called upon the Mission staff while addressing DAM Retreat-2010 at Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) Training and Resource Centre at Ramnagar, Jessore on 27 January 2010.

DAM President also declared that a large training centre would be constructed at Jessore soon. This would be the venue of DAM Retreat-2012, he also said.

Thanking all the participating colleagues, he explained in detail the organisational values of DAM to them. He gave suggestions for making good use of the Retreat to plan for future of the organisation as well as discussing ways how to go forward. He remembered with gratitude all those staff of DAM who created the organisation by rendering dedicated services. He urged all to love the country and serve its people with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. “Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R) is our inspiration,” he said adding, we must come out of our own self for bringing about changes for people’s welfare. “We have no scope for self-complacency because our life is too short,” he reminded all. He also urged for breaking the difference between people. Terming everyone as ambassador of DAM, the President called upon all to work with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. He further said that Mission Barta as well as print and electronic media can play their due role in bringing about positive change in living condition of distressed people.

The three-day joyous event began at Ramnagar, Jessore on 26 January 2010. Organised with the spirit of knowledge management, Financing and Knowledge Management for building organisational capacity of DAM. Finally, Rahman thanked all for participating the ‘wonderful event’.

Earlier, Retreat Convener Shafiul Islam hoped that better results would come out from 20 interactive sessions of the Retreat.

Day-2 sessions dwelt on Strategic Choice and Good Practices. In the morning session, Shafiul Islam presented the Programme Core Strategies. This was followed by presentation and open discussion by PPs. The topics were Sectoral Priority and DAM choices (Education, Livelihood, Health and Human Rights and Social Justice Sector). M A Rashid and Azam Choudhury acted as moderators.

Afternoon session began with presentation by promoter (project/sector/division/institutions) on Good Practices and Strategies for Replication with DAM Strategic Choice. The programme ended with Open house discussion on Emerging Good Practices

DAM stands beside cold-hit people

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has stood beside the cold stricken people of the country. It has distributed 1264 blankets and 4404 winter clothes including sweaters among 5668 distressed families of Jessore, Jamalpur, Barguna, Rangpur and Dhaka regions.

While distributing winter clothes in Barguna region, Upazila Chairman Lt. Col. (retd.)
DAM President urges staffers at Retreat

Shafiqul Islam and Rafiqul Hassan acted as moderators. Later, a colourful cultural function enthralled all.

On the concluding day, participants dwelt on Organisational Strengthening. Initial briefing on three issues with group works and plenary discussion were held.

DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman played the role of moderator at morning session.

Group work and plenary discussion on Organisational Strengthening were held.

Topics like HRM with focus on HRD, Solidarity and Harmony were discussed. This was followed by Recapitulation on Financing (cost efficiency and cost effectiveness, diversify sources) as well as Knowledge Management and Team Building.

Azam Choudhury, Nilufar Yasmin and Rafiqul Hassan acted as guides. Shafiqul Islam moderated the afternoon session through Open house presentation. This session also dwelt on Retreat Reflection and Way Forward.

Finally, the following recommendations were adopted.

(1) Formulation of Divisional Strategy and Materialisation,
(2) Improvement and marketing of Good Practices,
(3) Formulating a Comprehensive Plan for the years 2010 and 2011 at all levels which will be analysed at DAM Retreat-2012, provided the planned targets are achieved,
(4) Resolution for no compromise with quality of activities,
(5) Successes should be measured both in terms of quality and quantity.

DAM has been working with people with the motto of Divine and Humanitarian Service since its establishment in 1958. With passage of time, DAM has grown into a major international development organisation. In the process of working towards social and spiritual development of the human community, diversity in the interventions have been experienced in the past decades and it is expected to continue in the context of emerging development challenges nationally and globally.

With DAM’s continuing growth, a need for going out from routine work was keenly felt for thinking and planning intensively. Since 2006, a three-day annual event like DAM Retreat was being organised regularly. Locations for the joyful, noisy gathering are usually selected far from the madding crowd of the capital.

Aktel’s e-ticketing service to help cancer patients

Subsequently, they can also retrieve IDs of earlier purchased tickets via SMS against their Aktel number. Once results are declared by Ahsania Mission, the customer will also be able to check whether his e-ticket has won any prize. The grand prize for the lottery is Tk. 30 lakh. This virtual lottery ticketing process will undoubtedly enhance customer convenience and give opportunities to Aktel customers for contributing to such noble initiatives. The e-ticketing service will be launched very shortly.

Govt firm to eradicate illiteracy from

Non-formal Education Bureau Director General Rezaul Kader presided the seminar while it was attended by Primary and Mass Education ministry Acting Secretary Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan as chief guest. UNESCO Bangladesh Representative Malama Milisa was present as special guest. DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman delivered the Welcome Address. UNESCO National Programme Officer Abdur Rafique also addressed.
Education has become

Teachers’ Training College (KATTC) is progressing ahead ensuring quality education and good reputation. Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Dr Anwar Hossain said this while speaking as chief guest at the closing ceremony function of Literary and Cultural Week at Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers’ Training College (KTTC) auditorium at Shyamoli in the city on Saturday 30 January 2010.

He further said, teachers should be self-dedicated. Government should come forward to ensure proper directives to this effect can be materialised through 32 districts. Later, the programme will be extended across the country. We firmly believe, DAM will do the job with reputation.

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Abdul Khaleque, former President of Barguna Press Club and Naltola Union Parishad Chairman were present. In Jhenidah district of Jessore region, Kabir Ahmed Molla, Assistant Director, Non-Formal Education (NFE) Bureau, Jhenidah, Aminul Islam (Tuku), Principal, Amena Khatun Degree College, Jhenidah and local elite were present. In Shyamnagar upazila of Jessore region, Satkhira Deputy Commissioner, Shyamnagar Upazila Nirbahi Officer and members of civil society were present. In Maheshpur, Upazila Secondary Education Officer Shahidur Rahman were present during winter clothes distribution ceremony.

Decentralisation of planning

Speakers said this at the inaugural session of a two-day workshop on Decentralisation of Planning and Management in NFE at the Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE) auditorium at Tejgaon in Dhaka on Wednesday, 20 January, 2010. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME), BNFE and UNESCO Dhaka jointly organised the workshop. Rezaul Quader, Director General, BNFE presided over the opening session. Nishith Kumar Sarker, Joint Secretary, MoPME graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Kiichi Oyasu, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Dhaka was Guest of Honour. M A Rashid, Director of Training and Materials Division, DAM welcomed the participants and guests. Speakers also stressed on strengthening professional and technical knowledge of staff and capacity development of NFE practitioners from community level to national level. The workshop will also help empowerment of district, upazila, union, village, and community based organisations, they further said.

A total of 25 senior level personnel from Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Bureau of Non-Formal Education and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) participated. Of them, 18 were from Bureau of Non-Formal Education, two from Ministry of Primary and Mass Education and five officials each from DAM, CAMPE, Wave Foundation, AZAK and TMSS.

DAM signs accord

Zakaria, Deputy Managing Director Md. Saidul Hasan, DAM Microfinance Unit Chief Md. Abdus Salam Mia and high officials of both the organisations were present. At the initial stage, the programme will be materialised through 32 regional offices of the Mission in 11 districts. Later, the programme will be extended across the country.

During signing of the accord, DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, we are optimistic of materialising the programme on the basis of partnership. First Security Islami Bank Ltd. Managing Director A.A.M. Zakaria said, it is our target to improve standard of service by reaching foreign remittance to near and dear once at the earliest possible time. We firmly believe, DAM will do the job with reputation.

DAM starts disbursement of agriculture loan

credit support will also be provided. DAM, Mokshedpur office organized a loan disbursement ceremony on January 13, 2010 at Padma Degree Collage premises in Mokshedpur where Head of DAM’s MFP, Md. Abdus Salam Miah, chaired the session. The chairman of Mokshedpur UP, Md. Halim Miah was present as chief guest and FSIBL Branch manager, Md. Abur Rauf, Principal of Padma Degree Collage, Mr. Kanai Lal Sarkar among were present as special guest. Local Farmers, mass people including member of civil society and media representatives were also present on the occasion. At the end of inaugural ceremony, Head of MFP, Md. Abdus Salam Miah disbursed a total of Tk. one lac ninety five thousand among 13 farmer’s families.
Govt firm to eradicate illiteracy from Bangladesh by 2014

Government is determined to eradicate illiteracy from Bangladesh by the year 2014. Trained officials will be able to undertake an effective non-formal education programme through proper analysis of policy guideline. This will ultimately help eradicate illiteracy from the country once for all.

 Speakers said this at the inaugural function of a five-day seminar to raise skill of non-formal education officials in analysis of policy guideline at Tejgaon Non-formal Education Bureau auditorium in the city on Sunday, 10 January 2010. They further said, the necessity of skilled analyser is immense in this sub-sector to build an institutional base of non-formal education.

Primary and Mass Education ministry, Non-formal Education Bureau, UNESCO and Centre for International Education and Development of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM CINED) have jointly organised the seminar.

A total of 25 participants took part in the seminar. Of them, three are from Primary and Mass Education ministry, 17 from Non-formal Education Bureau, five each from DORP, RIK, PACT Bangladesh, ERAB and

Decentralisation of planning, management of NFE programme a must for eradication of illiteracy

Decentralisation of planning and management of Non-Formal Education (NFE) programme is a must for eradication of illiteracy. Decentralisation helps improve effectiveness and efficiency of planning and management. If the development process is made participatory from local level towards upward then implementation of planning is made easier. It also brings about transparency at all level.

KATTC Literary, Cultural Week ends

Education has now become dependent on house tutors

Education has become dependent on house tutors. Education should be centred on classroom. Not only certificates but human qualities should be flourished. Learners should have to create sense of duty and responsibility of their own. Various confusions prevail now across the country over non-government teachers’ training colleges. In such a situation, Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah

DAM starts disbursement of agriculture loan

To support the acceleration of agricultural production of government, DAM started disbursement of Agriculture Loan with assistance from First Security Islami Bank Ltd. at Mokshupur in Dohar on January 13, 2010. Under this agricultural loan program, DAM will extend credit support to 1600 farmer at Mokshupur in Dohar targeting “Boro” season for rice production and “Robi” season for crop production as well as promoting off farm agriculture. For procuring agricultural equipment such as power tiller, irrigation pump, tractor etc.

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Aktel has taken the lead in introducing the e-ticketing service in Bangladesh for the welfare of the people contributing again to the establishment of a “Digital Bangladesh”. This e-ticketing service aims to raise funds for building a full-fledged Cancer Hospital, says a press release.

On this occasion, a MOU was recently signed between Aktel and Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Through this service, Aktel customers will be able to purchase Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital lottery tickets by typing all and sending SMS to a designated short code. Customers will receive a unique 10 of the lottery tickets in a