

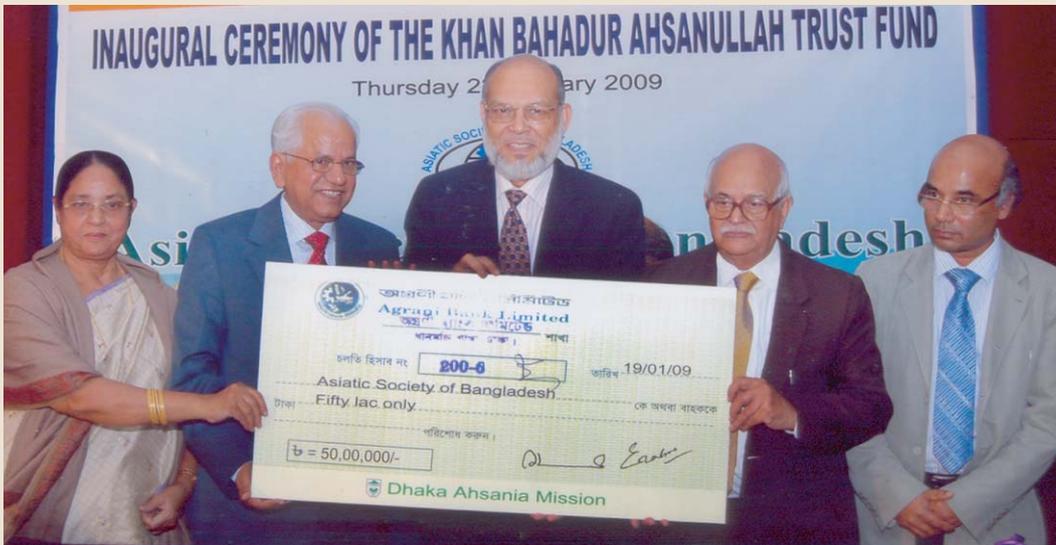


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DAM forms trust fund in Asiatic Society

Multi-discipline research on the life & works of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah important

Multi-discipline research on the life and works of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah is important. The fulfilment of life lies in the love and dedication for the welfare of

the created living being - this was the arduous endeavour of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah. The name of this luminary greatman glowed with the sun ray for a century will

be pronounced repeatedly from generation to generation. Speakers said this at the inaugural ceremony of the Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Trust **[See page 3]**

New lifeline for marginalised students

THE millennium development goal (MDG) calls for universal primary education by 2015. The effort towards universal elementary education in Bangladesh is really making impressive progress. But we are still facing severe deficiencies in the quality of primary education. This is because of gradual marginalisation of the government primary schools.

However, a joyful learning technique introduced jointly by teachers and community people of Sreepur upazila in Gazipur district is a case of reversing the situation. It is part of an innovative project titled, "Improvement of Quality Education (IQE)," undertaken in 2005. Within a span of three years, the project has significantly contributed to halt marginalization of primary school students in the upazila. At present, it is underway in four out of nine unions such as **[See page 3]**

'Kafe Mukti' will be a model for empowering and making self-reliant victims of trafficking



'Kafe Mukti' will be a model for empowering and making self-reliant victims of trafficking. Through 'Kafe Mukti', Rahima and Ruma of Ahsania Mission

Shelter Home have self-started marching ahead in a new direction of life. Women and Child Affairs Ministry **[See page 3]**

CLC should play effective role in education for sustainable development

Community Learning Centre (CLC) should play effective role in education for sustainable development. Consideration of education is necessary as an effective technique for sustainable development. UN has declared 2005-2014 as a decade of education for sustainable development. The target of this decade is to impart education about conviction, attitude and quality-life. UNESCO **[See page 2]**

Dalia Becoming Empowered

Dalia was born in 1982 in a rural village named Islampur of Barisal district. Her father Md Sekendar Ali Bapari was a fruit seller. He had died when Dalia was 7 year old. After 6 months of her father's death, her mother came to Dhaka. Because she (mother) had no way to maintain the expenses of herself including 2 sons and 3 daughters. She managed one room for shelter in Dhaka at a rent of Tk 1,500 at Khilgaon slum. But she did not know how she will bear the expenses of her family and how to meet the rent of the room. She started work as a maid servant and she gave Dalia a house for doing work. The house owner used to provide food three times to Dalia but she did not get any wage for work, because she was too young. After 5-6 months, Dalia's mother admitted her to a free of cost school advised by one person, Dalia continued her education up to class VIII. She could not enroll after class VIII because there was no provision after class VIII at that school. Now she is 25 years old. Meanwhile, Dalia's mother arranged marriage for her when she was 17 year old. After marriage **[See page 3]**



For construction of AMCH

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Kazi Rafiqul Alam on Monday 19 January 2009 at the Mission Bhaban at Dhanmondi, in the capital.

For this donation, this pediatric ward will be inscribed as 'Muazzem-Shafia Khan Pediatric Ward'. Masuma H. Khan, Syada Khan of the Trust and Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Managing Director M. Fazlur Rahman were present during the hand-over of the cheque.

At the time of handing over the cheque Rear Admiral (Rtd.) M. H. Khan said, this money belongs to Begum Shafia Trust and the amount has been given in the name of my parents. May Allah full-fill my wish. Dhaka Ahsania Mission President said, so far construction work up-to 10th floor including two basements has been completed. Remaining works like Radiotherapy Volt, Retaining Wall etc. have been started. Required amount for implementing this project has not yet been possible to manage. For this, he appeals to generous people, corporate sectors including people of all-strata of the society to come forward with positive support.

Adoption of GO & NGO

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NGO's. He also said, anti-drug seminars will be arranged very soon in the 4 district towns of 4 divisions. On behalf of the representatives of NGO's, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam handed over this declaration to Directorate of Narcotic Control DG Humayun Kabir.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, instead of scattered activities for drug control by the NGO's across the country, anti-drug program can be turned into a movement with the joint efforts of NGO's and Narcotic Control Directorate officials at the districts level. Mass awareness will have to be created against drug addiction along with rehabilitation of drug addicts in the society through detoxification and rehabilitation program. Unless this is done, drug addicts will incite friends and relatives to take drugs which will cause further greater damage to the society. He sought total cooperation of law enforcing agencies in anti-drug activities. He said, Vienna Anti-drug declaration-2008 representing more than 5 hundred NGO's of 116 countries across the globe will contribute greatly in the

UN drug policy activities.

At the time of presenting the Vienna Anti-drug Declaration-2008, were present Directorate of Narcotic ADG Yousuf Ali, Director Tapan Kumar Karmakar, Deputy Director Mahbulul Karim Khan, Assistant Director Paritosh Kumar Kundu, Brother Ronald Brownsan of APAN, Bangladesh Youth First Concern Representative Peter Haldar, Bakul Francis Costa of Baraka, Nur Mohammad Abul Asad of Kria, Iqbal Masud, Abdur Razzak of DAM and Saiful Islam of Eskaton Modern Health Care.

Chand Sultan Literacy Prize

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Like previous years, the prize will also be awarded this year to an individual or an organization for remarkable contribution in the field of development of education materials for various age groups, awareness building for prevention of cancer or HIV/AIDS, implementation of innovative projects or conducting research on non-formal education etc. Particulars of the person or organization with their contribution are to reach Director, Human Resource Division of Dhaka Ahsania Mission at House # 19, Road # 12, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 (Tel. 8119521-22, 9123402) on or before 15 February 2009.

Need for more than 10 thousand medical technologists

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clinics and hospitals in the country, quality treatment service is being hampered. He opined mere attaining certificate is not enough and appealed the students to take full advantage of the quality education available at this institute. He hoped by the grace of Almighty Allah, DAM will soon launch Degree Nursing Institute. In his speech as special guest Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Managing Director and former secretary M. Fazlur Rahman emphasized on the learning of English Language in this course approved by the Ministry of Health which will help them to get service abroad. AMIMT Principal Professor K.S. Zaman and Mirpur Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection Centre and Hospital Director Brig. Gen. Dr. Syed Fazle Rahman (Rtd.) also spoke on the occasion. It may be mentioned, AMIMT has started a three years course of Diploma in Physiotherapy, Laboratory Medicine and Radiology & Imaging from this year (2009).

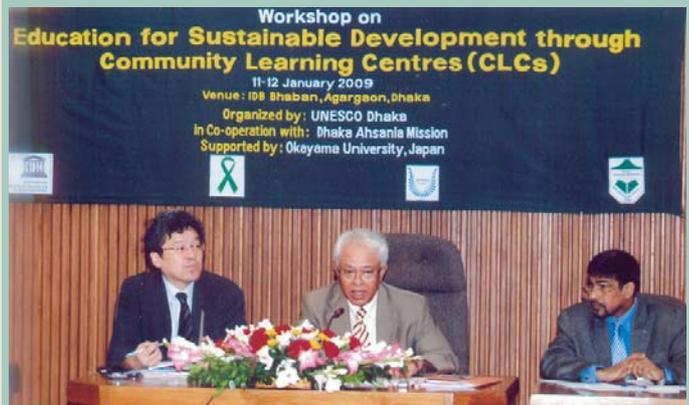
CLC should play effective role in education

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Director & Bangladesh role of CLC in sustainable Representative Malama Meleisea development.

said this in his presidential address while inaugurating a two-day long workshop on "Education for Sustainable Development through Community Learning Centre (CLC)" at the Conference Room of IDB Bhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city on Sunday (11 January 2009) jointly organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), UNESCO Bangladesh and Okayama University of Japan.

He further said eradication of Education Ministry Joint-Secretary Md. Safiullah said, sustainable development means to meet up the need of present generation without damaging the



poverty, social, cultural and environment is the pre-condition of sustainable development. Education Ministry Joint-Secretary Md. Safiullah and Associate Professor Hideki Yamamoto spoke on the inaugural ceremony of the workshop.

DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman highlighted the experiences of DAM about the

development achieved in the past. Development can be advanced by detecting the problems of all through joint-discussion and by solving those problems.

Sustainable development is not possible alone by the government but through the participation of community, NGO and civil society, he asserted. A work plan was formulated at the concluding session of the two day-long workshop.

Multi-discipline research on the life & works

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Fund established by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) at the Asiatic Society held at the Society Auditorium on Thursday (January 22, 2009).

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh President Professor Sirajul Islam said, researchers can contribute significantly in the development of the country and to encourage the researchers, this fund has created special opportunity.

While speaking as chief guest former Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said, DAM has opened a unique chapter in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh. He said, not only in education but also in the health service sector DAM is contributing significantly and for this they have also received due recognition at home and abroad.

Highlighting the significance to establish the Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Trust Fund in the year of golden jubilee of DAM, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, the institution which has the capacity to perform a particular type of work, should be given scope to do that type of work and added there is little scope of doing research in Bangladesh at present. In that respect, researchers and members of the Asiatic Society with their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields can change the lot of the mass-people of Bangladesh by contributing in the planning of pragmatic programmes and their implementation, he wished.

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh President Professor Sirajul Islam presided over the ceremony which was attended as chief guest by former VC of Jahangirnagar University Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui. DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam also addressed the gathering. DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman spoke on the life and works of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah while the address of welcome was delivered by Asiatic Society of Bangladesh General Secretary Professor Mohfuza Khanam. Dhaka Ahsania Mission has donated Taka fifty (50) lac in this fund. The profit from this Trust Fund will be utilized for theoretical and practical research on Arts, Humanities, Social Science and Science. It may be mentioned, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has established this Trust Fund out of the money received as international prizes at different times. DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam and Asiatic Society President Professor Sirajul Islam put their signature in the Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Trust Fund Agreement.



New lifeline for marginalised students

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Razabari, Prohladpur, Gosinga and Maona. Around 3,564 children of 48 primary schools are its direct beneficiaries. Community Learning Centres (CLCs) are established under the project. The main objective of CLC is to help create a conducive atmosphere of education in the school arena. CLCs are used as alternative education centres where students develop their reading habit. Daily newspapers and monthly, quarterly magazines, storybooks, novels and other child-friendly books are available in the centres. A total of 862 readers come to 24 CLCs in four unions of Sreepur Upazila regularly. A two-year school development programme is undertaken. It has been aimed at achieving admission of 100 per cent children, increasing attendance of students, raising awareness among guardians, organising guardians' meeting and rally. Members of village development committee, teachers, school management committee, guardians and Union Parishad members are involved in school development planning and its materialisation.

Marginalised students who could not accommodate themselves in the new environment of schools spend morning or afternoon on supportive study activities. Extra classes are held before or after school hours according to convenience. Marginalised children are involved in the activities according to age group titled, 'Sopan' and 'Camp' classes. Teachers teach dull children of classes from one to five with love and care with the help of attractive educational materials. They never rebuke them. Examinations are held every month. Every month children's parents attend meetings to know their children's progress. In the process, dull students strengthen their learning skills. Now, 2,726 children are benefited through 106 Sopan centres in 49 schools.

Camp learning activity is a community-based learning programme designed to meet the special learning needs of third graders to fifth graders. Eight hundred thirty-eight slow learners are being benefited through 44 camp learning centres in 31 primary schools. Twelve community teachers work alongside primary school teachers while seven hundred seventy-four pupils are direct beneficiaries. At present, the activities are going on in eight primary schools. The impact of IQE programme is evident from the great improvement in the children's scores over the years. In 2007, pass rate was 84 per cent in Rajbari union while in Prohladpur union it was 77 per cent which is much more compared to those of previous years. The rate of enrolment has increased by 100 per cent in the project area. The innovative project is being implemented jointly by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and Plan Bangladesh.

Dalia Becoming Empowered

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Dalia thought "I can lead my life in better condition". But her dream was not true, because her husband was an unemployed man. He could not able to bear Dalia's family expenses through what he earned from home tuition. Anxiety and uncertainty followed her every moment. In the mean time a new baby came to her family then she felt of series uncertainly. That time she (Dalia) heard from her neighbor that DAM has been providing skill development training on Garments at free of cost. She was admitted in Knitwear Garment Knitting course. She successfully completed 3 months course from Dhaka Ahsania Mission and got a job at a sweater factory named "Royal Dress international" on 10 March 08. Now she is very happy because she is getting average Tk. 9,200 per month for her work. Now she can lead her family better than before. She thinks now every body of her family give her importance and priority to her decision in her family. Her dream is to uplift her family and economic status. She intends to buy land in the village in future.

'Kafe Mukti' will be a model for empowering

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Secretary Begum Rokeya Sultana said this while inaugurating 'Kafe Mukti' at the Women Affairs Directorate on Monday (12 January 2009).

She further said, this initiative is going to start as a Pilot Project. This sort of projects would be gradually expanded throughout country, she hoped.

With the joint support of the governments of Norway, Denmark and Bangladesh, IOM, Nestle Bangladesh, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, BNWLA and TMSS three 'Kafe Mukti' have been inaugurated at the Women Affairs Directorate and Social Welfare Directorate. This would create jobs for a total of

6 Women-two in each Kafe. Presided over by South Asia Regional Representative of IOM Rubab Fatima, the inauguration ceremony was addressed by Women Affairs Directorate Director General Ekram Ahmed, Denmark Ambassador Einar H. Jensen, Royal Norwegian Embassy Senior Advisor Morshed Ahmed and Dhaka Ahsania Mission Assistant Director Advocate Shirin Nahar. In her presidential address Rubab Fatima said, 'Kafe Mukti' is the symbol of economic emancipation of the oppressed women. This sort of initiative and support for the hazardous women is the manifestation of social responsibility of all, she added.

Nominations invited for Chand Sultan Literacy Prize

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has invited nominations from deserving individuals and organizations for the award of Chand Sultana Literacy Prize-2008. DAM has been awarding the prize for the last 6 years and in the field of literary and materials development. The prize comprising of Taka 30 thousand, a crest and a certificate. In the meantime the prize has created considerable interest among the development workers of the country.



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Hajj Savings Scheme for Hajj performers starts

Muslims from Bangladesh will now be able to perform Hajj through regular savings. For this, ICB Islamic Bank Limited and Ahsania-Malaysia Hajj Investment and Finance Limited (AMHIFC) has started savings scheme in Bangladesh.

As collecting agent of AMHIFC, ICB Bank will conduct this operation. An agreement to this effected was signed between this two organizations on November 24, 2008 at the head office of ICB Bank. ICB Islamic Bank Limited Chairman Hadenan-bin-Jalil and AMHIFC Managing Director Dr. Rosly Bin Yakob signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Abdul Malek Bin Abdul Aziz was present on this occasion. The main aim of this savings scheme is to invest the savings of the would-be Hajj performers in Sharia based economic activities and thus help them to perform Hajj.



At the adoption of Vienna Anti-Drug Declaration-2008

Adoption of GO & NGO combined program vital for Anti-Drug movement

Adoption of government and NGO combined program is vital for anti-drug movement. Activities will be promoted with the involvement of civil society after preparation of the program calendar in next February. Directorate of Narcotic Control Director General (DG) Humayun

Kabir said this while adopting the Vienna Anti-Drug Declaration-2008 on Tuesday, 13 January 2008.

He further said, it will bring immense benefit if united effort of government and civil society is pursued in the light of the experiences of [See page 2]

Need for more than 10 thousand medical technologists in the country



At present, more than 10 thousand medical technologists are needed in the country. Every year, 2 thousand 5 hundred doctors, 1 thousand 3 hundred nurses and only 5 hundred medical technologists get the degrees. National Professor Dr. M.R. Khan said this while inaugurating the Ahsania Mission Institute of Medical Technology (AMIMT) on Saturday (3 January 2009) at its own campus in the capital.

He further said, there is scope of

skilled medical technologists even outside the country. The scope of medical technology education following the health ministry approved curriculum created by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) would be considered as a milestone in the history of medical technology teaching in the country, he said.

In his presidential address DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, due to the absence of qualified and skilled medical technologists in various private [See page 2]

For construction of AMCH Begum Shafia Trust donates Tk. 20 lac out of committed one crore taka for 10-bed pediatric ward

Begum Shafia Trust has donated Tk. 20 lac out of committed one crore taka for the construction of a 10-bed pediatric ward of the under-construction Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital at Uttara, Dhaka. Begum Shafia Trust Chairman Rear Admiral (Rtd.) M. H. Khan handed over a cheque for Tk. 20 lac to Dhaka Ahsania Mission President [See page 2]

Birth Registration of working children

With the support of NFE Bureau, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been implementing "Basic Education for Urban Working Children" project in Demra, Sutrapur, Zatrabari, Shempur thanas and Wards nos 76, 77, 82, 83, 88, 89, 90 of Dhaka City Corporation, Narayangong Sadar and Fatullah thanas. Besides, giving education skill-development of children is one of the objects of the project.

With the financial and technical cooperation of UNICEF and NFE Bureau, the coordinator of the project has taken a two day-long training and subsequently he imparted training to the project supervisors on birth registration. The workers of the project collected forms from the Zonal Office of the City Corporation and completed registration of about 2500 children covering 36 and 65 education centers consecutively of Sutrapur and Shampur thana under Dhaka City Corporation. Registration of about 1150 children have been completed and registration is under process to cover about 4000 children of 8 centers of Fatullah thana, 18 centers of Zatrabair, 16 education centers of Shampur and 4 centers of Demra thana in the Union and Municipal Corporations besides city corporation area under this project.