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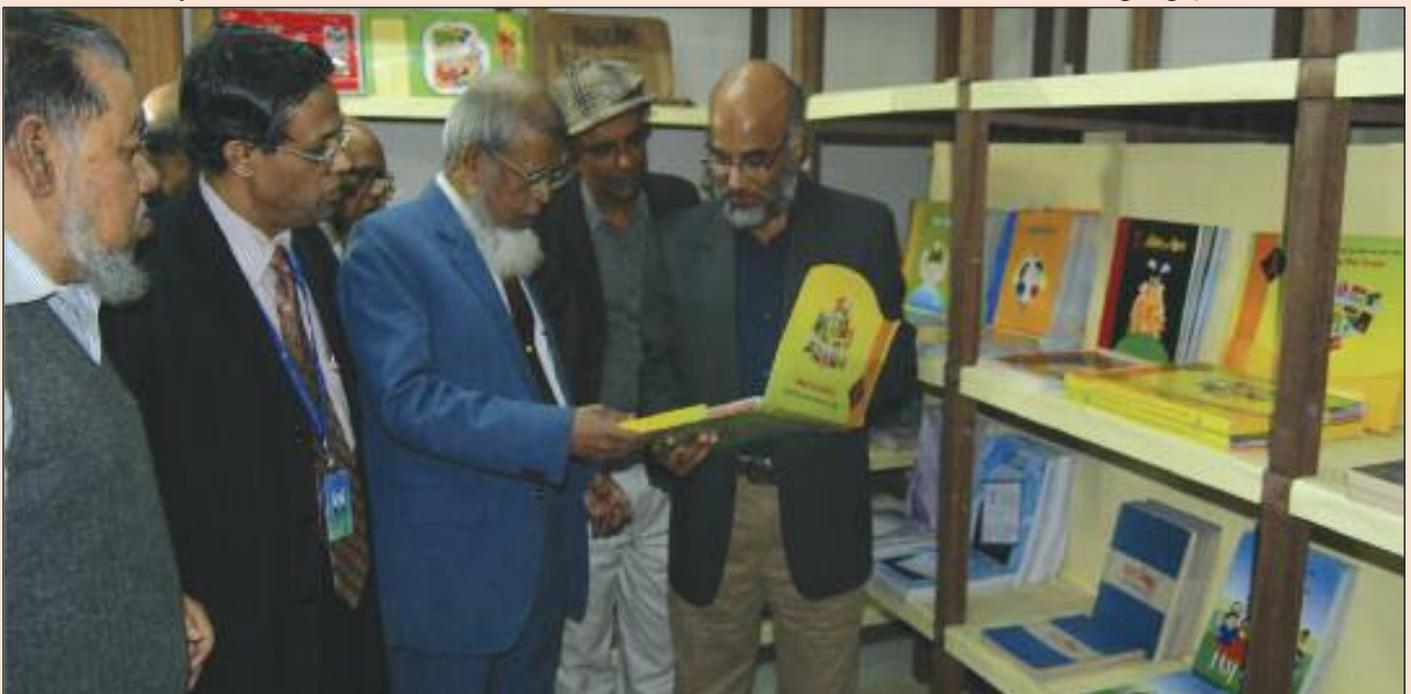
# Month-long book fair ends

A month-long book fair of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), formally ended on 28 February 2014. The

fair was launched at the Mission Bhaban at House: 19, Road: 12, Dhanmondi Residential Area in the

capital on February 1, 2014. The theme of the fair was 'Bhasar Chetonake Dharon Kore Shikhon

Samaj Binirman' (Building a learning society cherishing the spirit of language). Former Vice-



Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) Professor M H Khan addressed the inaugural function as the chief guest. Noted researcher and writer and former Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) Mohammad Abdul Majid took part in a discussion titled ‘Significance of Bengali Language in National Development & Necessity of Education: Thoughts of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (RA).’ DAM General Secretary Muhammad Abdus Sobhan presided over while the Executive Director of DAM, Dr M Ehsanur

Rahman, delivered the welcome address. Chief Guest Prof M H Khan formally opened the fair by cutting a ribbon. Life-long learning is essential for building a learning society. Dhaka Ahsania Mission has a vast resource for expan-

sion of knowledge. DAM organised the fair aiming at reaching the resources to the doorsteps of individuals, organisations and local libraries. The fair will continue till February 28. The fair will remain open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. everyday of the

week including Fridays. The books will serve the purposes of education, health, nutrition, environment, children issues, human rights, religion and life, livelihood, autobiography, state and society as well as disaster management.



## Hardware-Software Project competition at AUST

A hardware-software project competition was held in a festive mood at the play ground of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST). Beginning on February 10, the 10-day competition was held at the initia-

tive of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. AUST vice-chancellor (VC) Dr A M Safiullah, also the former VC of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), inaugurated the event. AUST registrar Moham-

mad Abdul Gafur and Dr Abdur Rahim Mollah, head of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, were also present. Visitors visited various stalls after its opening. A total of 152 students took part in the competition through 42 projects. Participants took part in four-category project. The categories were PRO,

amateur innovative idea and line follower robotics. Alongside, students of the Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering also took part. On conclusion of the meet, certificates and prizes were awarded to the participants of the best projects. AUST organizes this type of competitions aiming to encourage students to enhance their knowledge and skills in the field of information technology (IT) as well as inventing new innovations. Energy Pac sponsored the hardware-software project meet while its media partner was Dainik Samakal. Students of third and fourth years organized the event.





# Reunion of AMIC Drug Addiction Treatment Centre

The fifth reunion of AMIC Drug Addiction Treatment Centre of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) was held at Gazipur on February 15, 2014. This year's theme was "Recovery is a Journey toward a Better Life." DAM Assistant Director Iqbal Masud presided over the reunion while it was addressed by the Vice Principal of Jatiya Manosik Chikitsa Kendra, a centre for mental treatment, Dr Avra Das Bhowmik, Dr Meghla Sarker, FSI 360 Pro-

gramme Manager KSM Tarique, DAM Deputy Director Abdur Razzaque, Convener of Family Support Group Nasrin Yakub, Clinic Manager of Ahsania Mission-Urban Primary Healthcare Project Dr Naila Parveen, Programme Manager Mahfila Deena Rubayia and Programme Manager of AMIC Jahid Iqbal. Centre Manager Saiful Alam Kazal delivered the welcome address. Drug users may be brought to the mainstream through proper treatment and re-

habilitation, speakers said. They may be cured through treatment for a longer period. Rehabilitation and family cooperation are essential for freedom from drugs, they said. The programmes included opinion exchange meeting, recovery countdown, game, raffle draw and cultural function. Over 300 recovered drug users and their family members attended the reunion. Other participants were guests, project beneficiaries, members of other

drug addiction treatment centres, journalists and representatives of various non-government organisations. AMIC has been running three drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation centres in Gazipur, Jessore and Dhaka. DAM has been implementing drug prevention programme in Bangladesh since 1990. It has a plan to launch a drug treatment and rehabilitation centre for women in April this year.

# Nat'l workshop on climate change

A national workshop on climate change and philosophy of CMDRR Forum was held at the head office of Dhaka Ahsania Mission in Dhaka. Issues on the impacts of climate change on health, education, livelihood and human rights and different aspects of climate change and community-managed disaster risk reduction were discussed at the workshop.

National Programme Director of Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) Mohammad Abdul Quayyum was present as the chief guest while it was attended by Gauhar Naim Wara of Disaster Forum and Executive Director of FFH Rezaul



Karim as special guests. Executive Director of Pidim Foundation A B Banerjee delivered the presidential address. Assistant Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Jahangir Alam delivered the welcome address. Masud Rana of Concern Universal-Bangladesh conducted the second session of the workshop that dwelt on philosophy of CMDRR Forum. James Malaker of CARITAS discussed the best practices of CMDRR. Assistant Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Jahangir Alam discussed issues like impact of disaster and climate change.

A total of 50 participants from government and non-government organisations took part in the workshop. Coordinator of CMDRR Forum Khan Muhammad Mujahid Ibne Habib played the role of coordinator.





## Regional coordination meeting held in Ctg

The Chittagong regional coordination meeting of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) was held at the Chittagong Regional Training Centre in the port city on February 24, 2014. DAM executive director (ED) Dr M Ehsanur Rahman was present as the chief guest. In his address, the ED gave necessary guidelines to bring dynamism in the ongoing programmes of DAM. He

asked the officials to get a clear cut concept on various ongoing programmes. He also stressed on mutual exchange of information. Among others, G F Hamim, project director (acting), UNIQUE-2 project, DAM, Md Shahidul Islam, team leader, Education sector, DAM, Ayub Khan, project manager (acting), Chittagong region, DAM, CLC project,

Momtaz Khatun, TMD coordinator (HRD), A B M Shahabuddin, MIS and Documentation coordinator, DAM CLC project, managers, working at Chittagong regional office, and officials of different area offices were present. In this region, DAM works on programmes relating to education, safe water and sanitation and environment and climate change. Regional

focal persons highlighted the progress of activities of the three aforesaid programmes. The meeting decided for inclusion of the issue of sanitation and hygiene promotion as thematic focus of DAM Chittagong region. The meeting finally decided to hold similar regional meeting every six months. After thanks giving, the meeting came to an end.

# Annual sports & cultural meet held

Dhaka Ahsania Mission implemented and CARE Bangladesh collaborated Practical and Job-oriented Educational Project-2 for Working Children and Light of Life-A Change Project jointly organized the annual sports competition and cultural meet at Dattapara in Tongi on February 28, 2014.

Held at Government Sahajudding Ideal School and College ground, the sports and cultural meet was attended by 500 boys and girls of Amader Thikana, Pre-school and Professional Training Centre.

President of Tongi Press Club Shahjan Siraj Sazu presided over

while it was attended by the secretary of the press club, Mohammad Ali Bhuiyan, as the chief guest.

The event was opened with hoisting of national flag and singing of national anthem. The entire programme continued for the whole day. Officials of DAM and CARE Bangladesh jointly conducted the entire programme. On conclusion of the event, prizes were distributed among the winners.

The events were biscuit race for children aged 5 and 12+ years, picking nuts, 50 and 100 metres race, high jump, musical chair, cock fight, breaking utensil made

of clay (for CC committee), dress as you like, games of memory (for DAM and CARE staff members) and raffle draw.

Among others, CARE Bangladesh programme manager Rehana Yasmin, its technical officers, monitoring and evaluation officers, Dhaka Ahsania Mission project coordinator Sheikh Kashem Uddin, its project officers, PTC managers, field supervisors, instructors and Amader Thikana and Pre-school associates, CC committee members, journalists and local elite were present at the meet.



# Cordaid representatives visit DAM projects



Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been implementing the Cross Border Agricultural Technology Transfer Project in five upazilas of Jamalpur district. Dewanganj is one of the upazilas. Helvetus Swiss Inter Cooperation provided essential technical support while Concern Universal is in overall supervision of the project. The European Union is financing the project.

It is being implemented through 60 trained LSPs (local service providers) selected from 2,668 families of 40 villages in six unions.

Under the project, the living condition of a vast poor population of Jamuna and Brahmaputra riverine areas is being improved through multi-sphere vegetable

cultivation, floating vegetable cultivation, rice cultivation through SRI method, fish cultivation in floating cage, poultry farming, goat rearing through improved method thereby increasing production through value chain development of marketing system.

In the process, a service-providing organization named Dewanganj Service-providing Organisation was formed for bringing qualitative improvement in services. Cordaid representatives Mr Arjen and Mr Thomas paid a two-day visit to the project areas. They elaborately talked with the service providers of the organization about local disaster situation and disaster warning system as well as their roles.

They also talked to the members of Halkerchar

village under Chukaibari union and Poravita village under Parrampur union about local disaster situation and disaster warning system. Issues on disaster warning system, things to be done on the part of the union disaster information service centre came up during their discussion. The visitors observed the activities on vegetables cultivation, rice cultivation through SRI system and fish cultivation in floating cage under the project.

## Orientation course on TB control for garment workers

Two orientation courses have been arranged for garment workers under TB control programme of AMIC-Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Fifty workers of SL Trust Printing Garments located under Urban Primary Healthcare Centre-1 working area took part in the course on February 6. In another course held on February 13, 50 factory workers of Nixon Industries Ltd located under Urban Primary Healthcare Centre-5 working area participated.

Amena Khatun, monitoring and evaluation officer of UPHCSDP, GFATM, TB Control Programme, discussed on issues like primary healthcare service, clinic introduction

and delivery programmes at an affordable cost under DNCC and USP programme under PA-05. Dr Rehnuma Afrin of PHCC-1 discussed on TB programme such as definition of the disease, its types, how does it spread, symptoms of TB, its detection, why treatment of TB patients is essential on urgent basis. Other aspects of the disease were also discussed.

Issues like social notion about the disease, aims and objectives of the government in eradication of TB and things to be done by the participants came up during discussion. Md Akter Hossain, sector specialist, BRAC, was also present at the orientation meetings.



## DAM IN FRAME

