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Appeal to help build Cancer Hospital

DAM pays gratitude to Govt. for approval in ECNEC meeting

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President, Kazi Rafiqul Alam has expressed deep gratitude to the generous Government for giving approval to the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Project by the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) in its meeting held on December 23, 2008.

He said, DAM remembers with gratitude the support given by the generous Govt., people & institutions for building this international

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Speakers at the birth anniversary seminar in Rajshahi

New generation will have to be inspired through discussion on Ahsanulla's life

New generation will have to be inspired through discussion on the life of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah who played the pioneering role through taking the backward Muslim community to the lead by

enlightening them through education and establishing them socially through pragmatic steps. Speakers said these at a seminar titled 'Role of Khanbahadur Ahsanullah for

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DAM Opens Bangladesh Chapter of IRA

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has opened the Bangladesh Chapter of International Reading Association (IRA) of USA. This Chapter styled as Bangladesh Reading Association (BRA) has started functioning for education professionals.

This Association will be actively engaged in creating opportunity for the educational professionals of Bangladesh to enter into the global network of International Reading Association including professional skill development, creation of national and international network, development and publication of educational materials, research and conducting advocacy. Leading professionals engaged in teachers' training, teachers of government and private universities, researchers in education, planners and managers are eligible to become members of Bangladesh Reading Association. For details please contact Dhaka Ahsania Mission, House-19, Road-12 (New), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, Mobile: 01711-960899.



Experience sharing meeting 'Role of Local Govt. in combating Women and Child trafficking'

With the support of European commission, Irish AID and Concern Universal, interborder women and child trafficking combating programme of the Mission arranged a opinion sharing meeting at the office of upazila Nirbahi Officer, Shamnagar. The meeting was presided over by Shamnagar UNO Dilip Kumar Banik. Union facilitator Rafiqul Islam and Project coordinator Raushon Ara addressed the meeting. Youth Development officer Anisur Rahman and UP Chairman Bakhtiar Rahman were present at the meeting as special guests.

Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq, visited field activities of DAM on Barisal

Former Attorney General of Bangladesh Government Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq visited the field activities of Dhaka Ahsania Mission in the district of Barisal on December 5-7, 2008. He was accompanied by DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Programme Director Shafiqul Islam, Asstt. Director Shahidul

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will have to be utilized. With the availability of information, it is easy to work.

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Render support to start cancer hospital in the country

-Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq
Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq has made an appeal to people of all strata of the society to come forward to start the cancer hospital in the country. He said this while accepting a cheque of donation for Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital. Barrister Ajmalul Hossain QC handed over a cheque for Tk. 40 lakhs to Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Governing Body Chairman Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq on December 31, 2008 at the Mission Bhaban at Dhanmondi in the capital. Dhaka Ahsania

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Govt. actively considers

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Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) with the support of UNESCO, Dhaka arranged the seminar. He further said, effort is on to impart basic education to 16 lakh people under the PLCEHD project of the government. Materials developed by DAM may be used in this program, he opined.

In his presidential address DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, we are not free from the horrible risk of AIDS considering the way AIDS has spread in our neighboring countries. There is an alarming possibility of spreading this disease rapidly through unsafe sex, exchange of needles by the addicts and unsafe exchange of blood. So we will have to take prompt action as early as possible

to combat AIDS without further delay. For this to create mass awareness among large section of illiterate people, HIV/AIDS require to be incorporated in literacy program, he said.

UNESCO, Dhaka Program Specialist (Education) Kiichi Oyasu was present in the seminar as Special Guest. Save the Children USA Director (Education) M. Habibur Rahman presented the key-note paper. HIV/AIDS and STD Alliance Bangladesh (HASAB) Executive Director Dr. Nazneen Akhter, PLCEHD Project of BNFE Project Director Zayedul Hoque Mollah and Primary Education Directorate ROSC Project Consultant A.N.S Habibur Rahman participated in the discussion. In the open discussion, the guests also participated.

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Islam, Barrister Ahsanul Karim, Barrister Fahim-ul Haq and Barrister Khairul Alam Choudhury.

While visiting, Barrister, Rafique-ul-Huq inaugurated the newly built multipurpose community Resource Centre at Nalta. Community Resource Centre Executive Council President Neherul Islam and people of the locality were present on the occasion.

Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq visited CLC Centre of UNIQUE Project, core family shelter of UNDP, Burirchar Community Resource Centre, PLDHD-2 project of Khalikapur union of Patuakhali sadar and rehabilitation activities for sidr affected people. He also visited the grave-yards of the victims of sidr and prayed for the departed soul.



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invited guests attended the function. The senior teachers of the Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. Jesmin ara Begum and Mr. Mahbub Malik as well as Ar. Shakur Majid, Ar. Shamsul Wares and Ar. Rafiq Azam renowned architects spoke on the occasion and praised the efforts of the students of architecture.

The Vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. M. Anwar Hossain praised highly the students' effort. He wished that such publication will continue and significant contribution will be made in the architectural scene in Bangladesh.

European Commission Art Competition

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Bangladesh Office which latter on selected 100 pictures received from all NGOs. On the occasion of European Day on may 9, a art competition was held. On request visitors of this competition finally selected 12 pictures for sending to the final competition in Brussels.

Out of these 12 pictures 2 are from UNIQUE project. One of them is Zulia Ferdousi Chadni of Bodhu Thakurani Child Learning Centre of Barguna area and the other is Abdur Rashid of Jamalpur Maddhapara Child Learning Centre of Kaliganj of UNIQUE Project.

It may be mentioned, the Bangladesh Office of the European Commission arranged a prize giving ceremony an October 16, 2008 to encourage and recognize the works of Bangladeshi learners. The prizes included a school bag with logo of European Union, a drawing khata, two bag color pencils, one scale, 33a based on the maps of European Union and a paper weight engraved with world map for the learning centres to which the selected children belonged. European Union Bangladesh Mission Representative Stephen Frowen distributed the prizes.

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level hospital for the treatment of common people of Bangladesh. It may be mentioned, so far about Tk. 30 crore has been spent for the construction of the hospital, he said.

Govt. of Bangladesh has been kind enough to sanction Tk. 39 crore more for completing the remaining works of the hospital building under this approved project of 165 crore taka. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) will have to bear the remaining cost of Tk. 126 crore. In addition to this, DAM will have to purchase medical equipments including bearing all costs of Doctors, Nurses, Technical & other staff of the hospital.

It is expected that the first phase of the Hospital will be completed by 2009. Under this backdrop, DAM earnestly appeals to benevolent people & institutions for generous donations to help complete this humanitarian health project in time.

Basic training for teachers for quality improvement

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training for teachers, 2 days training for headmasters, capacity building of trainers for 2 days. The training was held from November 26 to December 3, 2008 at the Meghla parjatan motel in Bandarban district. A total of 27 instructors from three local partner NGOs of three districts participated in this training. This training was different from other

basic training course for the uniqueness of variety in many respects. Firstly, multilevel teaching learning process was followed in conducting classes, secondly, there was provision for keeping systematic evolution records of learners and thirdly, provision of unity subject wise lesson plan for teachers following which they would conduct teaching in the class rooms.

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spreading education and social upliftment in Rajshahi' held at the Rajshahi Chamber Bhaban Auditorium on December 6, 2008 organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM). Presided over by Rajshahi College Principal Professor Dr. Ali Reja Md. Abdul Majid, Additional Deputy commissioner A.K.M Mizanur Rahman and AUST treasurer Kazi Shariful Alam were present as special guests at the seminar. The welcome address was delivered by Rajshahi Collegiate School head mistress Dr. Nurjahan Begum,

while DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman delivered the inaugural address. The key-note paper was presented by Shah Mukhdum college Vice Principal. Dr. Tashiquil Islam Raja. Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate Deputy Director Dr. Shadhan Kumar Biswas, Rejshahi University Bangla Department Teacher Professor Dr. Sirajul Huq, Professor Dr. Harun-ur-Rashid, Dr. Abdul Mannan Sarker, Rajshahi College Teacher S.M. Abdul Latif spoke on the occasion. In a message sent on behalf of Rajshahi city Corporation Major A.H.M. Khairuzzaman the seminar was informed that a number of steps would be taken up by the city corporation including naming a road of the city after Khanbahadur Ahsanullah.

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Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam and among family members of the donor, Altaful Hossain, Kaniz Fatima Hossain, Nasreen Hossain, Ashraf Hossain, Anjuman Ara Hossain, Syed Afzal Hossain and Syed Arman Hossain were present on the occasion. Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq further said, the under-construction Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital at Uttara is almost at the final stage. It is hoped by the end of 2009 it will be possible to start the first phase of this hospital and render treatment service. A big amount of money is needed to complete the remaining work of the under-construction Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital. For this he appealed particularly to businessmen, professionals and benevolent donors to come forward. Expressing his feeling Barrister Ajmalul Hossain QC hoped that this hospital would play a significant role in the field of cancer treatment for poor and needy patients in the country. For this donation, four two-bed cabins will be inscribed in the name of his deceased father Barrister Asrarul Hossain and mother Rabia Hossain.



Cotozem Charter

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None can cheat others. Still, many people do not know how to take a licence and what papers are needed to submit. With citizen charter, it becomes clear how to take licence and what papers are required for this.

Norsingdi Deputy Commissioner Amrito Baroi said while speaking

as chief guest in a views exchange meeting of Excess project of the mission. The meeting was organized by Norsingdi regional office with the financial support of CORDAID.

He further said, many government offices are still out of the range of citizen charter. Due to shortage of sufficient fund they cannot publish the citizen charter. He opined,

Jury of Final Year Thesis Projects at AUST Campus

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faculty members and students of the department of architecture. The two day jury session was successfully carried on with presence of Ar. Abdur Rahman, Professor Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, Ar. Mubassar Hussain, Ar. Bashirul Haq, Professor Haroon Ur Rashid, Professor Shamsul Wares, Ar. Muhammad Abdur Rashid Professor Mohammad Ali Naqi, Ar. Falguni Mallick, Ar. Mustasim Mahmood Khan, Ar. Rashidul Hasan, and others. They gave their valuable comments on student's final projects.

23 projects from students presented in jury shows their distinctiveness in completing their project in various field such as institutional, academic, commercial, recreational, resort, airport etc. These multidisciplinary projects have been appreciated, criticised and acclaimed by the invited jurors and the viewers.

This design studio was guided and supervised by the senior and experienced faculties- Mr. A.B.M. Mahbulul Malik, Mr. Shehzad Zahir and Ms. Urme Chowdhury.

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in the capital. He further told that for keeping people safe from the adverse effect of cancer there is no alternative for avoiding tobacco. Otherwise cancer would become epidemic.

The inaugural session was presided over by DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman while National Professional Officer of WHO Dr. M. Mostafa Zaman was present as Special Guest. The Training workshop was being conducted by senior programme officer of Addiction Management and Integrated Care (AMIC) of DAM Iqbal Masud and Country Director of Hunger Free World Aatur Rahaman Miton.

DAM Executive Director of M. Ehsanur Rahman said that DAM founder Khanbahadur Ahsanullah requested the teacher community in 1915 in the teacher's manual to create awareness about the bead effects of smoking. He suggested that skill and capacity at the grassroots level should be enhanced for successful implementation of the strategic planning of the tobacco control movement. He hoped that representatives of different NGOs who are receiving training from this workshop will ensure notable contribution in their own locality.

Representatives from 96 NGOs of 64 districts of the country participated in 4 batches in this workshop. This workshop ended on 24 December, 2008.

DAM can take initiative to circulate citizen charter extensively. This will be helpful to people along with maintaining public relations. He requested DAM to publish and circulate in series the citizen charters of different ministries of the government.

DAM Programme Director Shafiqul Islam presided over the meeting held on December 2, 2008. Norsingdi ADC (General) Begum Momena Khatun was present as special guest. Mission Area Coordinator Tapan Kumar

delivered the address of welcome. The keynote paper was presented by retired police officer Surjakanta Das, Among others, social welfare Deputy Director S.K. Zakia Banu, District Primary Education Officer A.K.M. Riazuddin, retired S.P Kangso Tarafdar and Technodia Executive Director Mosharaf Hossain Bhiuyan, Locan journalists, Chilishpur union parishad chariman Aftab Uddin Bhuiyan and members of gonokendras and CRCS of different unions also took part in the open discussion.



Govt. actively considers incorporating HIV/AIDS issue in Literacy Program

Government actively considers incorporating HIV/AIDS issue in Literacy Program. Considering the risk of HIV and AIDS this will

contribute in awareness building among a large section of people who are deprived of education. Already in the syllabuses of formal education from class vi to x the issue of AIDS has been included. Now it is to be seen whether the school teachers can teach the subject properly. Primary and Mass Education Ministry Secretary In-charge Badrul Alam Tarafdar said this while speaking as Chief Guest in a seminar titled "Combating HIV and AIDS through mainstreaming in Non-Formal Education- Prospects and Challenges" on December 3, 2008 at the auditorium of BIAM Foundation in the capital. In observance of World AIDS Day, **[See page 2]**

Jury of Final Thesis Projects at AUST Campus

The students of the 11th batch of the Department of Architecture, Ahsanullah University of Science and technology have demonstrated their concluding projects through final jury which was held from October 22, 2008 to October 23, 2008 at the jury space of the permanent campus. Two day long jury occurred in four sessions, which was an outcome of high endeavour of the students for the last fourteen weeks of their final semester design studio.

The Jury was inaugurated by the Head of the department of Architecture, Dr. M.A. Muktadir, along with all the

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Basic training for teachers for quality improvement

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has completed the second phase of trainers' training of the basic training for teachers programme for quality improvement of education in the three hill districts of Chittagong. The duration of the course was eight days. The training package included-6 days **[See page 2]**

European commission Art Competition 2 Students of UNIQUE nominated for final competition in Brussels and awarded prize



European Commission invited drawings for the theme 'Equality of man and women' from the child learners of various projects implemented with the fund of European Commission. Responding to this call, learners of the age group of 6-12 years sent, through regional office 221 pictures to the central office of the

project. After Scrutiny, project head office sent 36 Pictures to the European Commission, **[See page 2]**



Publication of STHAPAYTTE AMRA

The Publication Ceremony of "STHAPAYTTE AMRA" i.e. "We in Architecture- A journal of architecture and literature" was held in the AUST Campus on 21st October 2008. The journal was launched under Arch. Bond publications by the students of architecture of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST), Dhaka. Ahmed Ishtiaque Himel is the editor and publisher of the journal.

Prof. Dr. M. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, AUST unveiled the cover of the Journal "Sthapaytte Amra".

The Vice-chancellor of the AUST Prof. Dr.M. Anwar Hossain, Head of the Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. M. A. Muktadir, teachers, students and **[See page 2]**



Govt. & NGOs have to be more skilled for expediting tobacco control movement

Government and NGOs have to be more skilled for expediting tobacco control movement. About 1.2 million people are attacked by eight major diseases in consequence of using tobacco. As a result 57,000 people die while 3,62,000 people become disabled. Hence, skilled advocacy is needed for ensuring effective implementation of the Tobacco Control Act.

National professor Dr. M.R. Khan expressed this view as the chief guest in the inaugural ceremony of a workshop titled 'Training of NGO Watchdogs to Prevent Violation of Tobacco Control Law' organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) with the assistance of World Health Organization (WHO) held Wednesday on 17 December 2008 at DAM auditorium **[See page 3]**