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Int'l Women's Day observed in DAM project areas

International Women's Day was observed in a befitting manner in various project areas of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) on March 8, 2013. "No More Violence against Women—Let It Be Our Commitment," was this year's theme. In Chowgachha, a discussion was held at Chowgachha Upazila Parishad Hall Room to mark the day where Upazila Vice-Chairman Md Abdur Rahim presided over. Upazila Women's Affairs Officer Mosammat Sakina Khatun was present as Chief Guest and Area Coordinator of DAM Ashok Kumar Ghosh was present as Special Guest.

Speakers vowed to make concerted efforts to stop violence against women. This was followed by a rally led by the Upazila Vice Chairman. Later, a video show was displayed. Besides, discussions were held at Gano Kendro and CRC level to mark the occasion.

Ashraf Foundation Assistant Director

Md Rassel Ashraf, BRAC Manager Md Quamrul Hasan, Banchtey Shekha Manager Md Rafiqul Islam, DAM Technical Officer Md Azizul Hakim, Programme Supervisor Md Zafar Alam and Union Supervisor Md Mizanur Rahman were present on the occasion.

In Narsingdi, the ACCESS (Health & Empowerment) Project brought out a rally on the occasion. The rally was brought out from Narsingdi project area office. It paraded different streets of the district town and terminated at Narsingdi Press Club via Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office.

This was followed by a human chain. Gano Kendro and Community Resource Centre (CRC) members, journalists, teachers, Union

Parishad (UP) members and representatives of various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) took part in both the rally and human chain.



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Plea for assistance to build 500-bed cancer hospital

Eminent jurist Barrister Rafique-ul Huq on Thursday urged affluent people to donate generously for establishment of a 500-bed cancer and general hospital of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) at Ashulia. "The country may be poor but there are many rich people who can easily afford to help construction of such a hospital," he told a press conference in Dhaka on the eve of the 55th founding anniversary of DAM. A leading non-government organization that has been working for social and spiritual development in the country, DAM will celebrate its 55th founding anniversary on March 30 at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology. Barrister Huq, who is a trustee of the mission, expressed his hope that the model cancer hospital could be operational by August this year. Replying to a question, he said there were many successes of DAM during its 55-year journey. But, there are still many things to do for the poor people in the health and education sectors.

Addressing the press conference, Kazi Rafiqul Alam, president of DAM, said they have

been developing a "Children's City" on 300 bighas of land in Ashulia with Tk 20 crore in the first phase to launch it in the



the north-western district of Panchgarh. The "Children's City" will have 10 separate villages for children. The city will accommodate about 10,000 children aged between six and eight in 10 years and they will stay in the villages for 10 years, he said.

Replying to a question, Rafiqul Alam said they need Tk 126 crore to complete the construction of the 500-bed DAM cancer and general hospital at

middle of the year. The DAM president informed that the activities of their organization are being conducted through 119 offices at 1,047 unions under 149 upazilas in 48 districts.

In the previous year, he said a total of 1,327,298 people were directly benefited under various DAM projects and activities.

He told a questioner that the 500-bed cancer and general

hospital is being constructed with local finance. The daylong celebration for 55th anniversary will begin at 10:00am. 30 stalls will be set up at Ahsanullah University Science and Technology. The celebration will follow a cul-

tural function.

Prof AMM Shafiullah, Vice Chancellor of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology and Ehsanur Rahman, executive director of DAM, among others, also spoke on the occasion.

It may be recalled that Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah, an eminent educationist, reformer and spiritual leader established the Dhaka Ahsania Mission in 1958.

Janata Bank donates Tk 30 lakh to AMCGH



Dhaka : Janata Bank Limited donated an amount of Tk 30

(AMCGH) fund for building a 500-bed world standard specialised cancer hospital at Uttara in the capital. Janata Bank Chairman Dr. Abul Barakat handed over a cheque of Tk 30 lakh to Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), at a simple ceremony held at the Board Room of Janata Bank head office in the city on March 12. Besides, CEO and Managing Director of the Bank SM Ami-nur Rahman, Company Sec-retary Md. Mosaddek-ul-Alam and

Directors of the Bank were present during the cheque handing over ceremony. In context of this donation, 25 per cent patients of AMCGH those who are helpless and poor, will get blood free of cost if needed. The service will continue for next five years. While handing over the cheque, Janata Bank Chairman Dr. Abul Barakat said, "When the hospital is commissioned then modern facilities for cancer treatment will be available in Bangladesh. He called upon the well-to-do section of the society as well as corporate sectors to come up with contribution for the construction of the hospital.

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Video show on child de- velopment

A video show was organised for fathers, who participated in a coordinated child development programme, in Barguna district, on 08-09 February 2013.

Held in the evening in Uchchhas and Kumarkhali housing area, the video shows were organized to make fathers aware about modern technique and information on overall child development.

The video shows were arranged through projectors of Barguna District Information



Office. CD on father's role in rearing child, child educational programme like 'Shishimpur' and songs on prevention of child marriage etc., earned popularity among the partici-

pating fathers. People from all walks of life attended the programme. After the show, people were invited to express their opinion. On conclusion of the show, fa-

thers understood that they would have to play a vital role in child rearing. They also came to know that special care is a must for child-bearing mothers.

Basic training course for Anonda Niketan Child Day Care Centre caretakers

A five-day basic training course has been organized for the caretakers and assistant caretakers of Anonda Niketan Child Day

Care Centre in Barguna.

Held at Barguna Jago Nari Training and Research Centre, the training course was

held on 03-07 February, 2013. Technical officers Md Joynal Abedin and Md Saiful Islam helped conduct the training. Guidebooks, Vip cards, balls, posters, markers, white boards, artline markers, white board markers and implements meant for art work were used during the training course.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission with financial assistance of Aga Khan Foundation-Bangladesh and Canadian SIDA has been implementing the innovative programme in Barguna Sadar upazila through ECDSP-B Project. The Field Manager of ECDSP-B Project, Kazi Yunusur Rahman inaugurated the training course.

Participants came to understand the spheres of child development through question-answer session, reading session and group discussion. Participants were divided into three groups for the purpose. Rhymes, songs, stories and exercises were also organized during the training course.



Workshop for development of academic plan

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been implementing the Non-Formal Primary Education Programme under UNIQUE-2 Project through multigrade system. Under the system, students are taught through formulation of an academic plan. The National Curriculum and Text Book Board has developed new text books from Class-I to Class-V in 2013 for achievement of 13 objectives. The UNIQUE Project organized a workshop for development of academic plan. At the initial stage, a four-day workshop was held in Mymensingh from January 5-8 this year. At the second stage, a two-day workshop was held at the central office on January 20-21. Technical persons of UNIQUE-2 Project, Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Plan Bangladesh attended the workshop. On behalf of the

Coordinator Md Masudur Rahman, Technical Officer Amzad Hossain and master trainers Nazma Khatun, Lufunnahar

Dhaka Ahsania Mission Ayub Khan and Learning Specialist Monjur al Khaled of Plan Bangladesh were



UNIQUE Project, Deputy Director Golam Faruque Hamim, Coordinator of Basic Education Saleha Akter, Training Coordinator Nurul Islam,

Kona, Syed Nur Islam, Zahidul Islam and Ehsanul Haque attended the workshop. Project Coordinator of

present. Finally, an academic plan was formulated after reviewing the lessons learnt.

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DAM celebrates its 55th founding anniversary

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) celebrated its 55 founding anniversary through inflated enthusiasm, encouragement and hilarious environment at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) campus in the capital city on March 30, 2013. The day was celebrated through exhibition, live-show, work-based video show, photo exhibition, voluntary blood donation etc conducted by the different associate bodies of DAM

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam addressed the inaugural ceremony at AUST multi-purpose hall at 10.30 am on the day. He reminisced to numerous patronizers, development associates, well-wishers and beneficiaries and greeted the presented all for attending in the programme. He

said, DAM has crossed 55 years with transparency and accountability. Renowned educationist, and social worker of this sub-continent Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) founded Dhaka Ahsania Mission. A vast learning and achievement has been stored in the area of Mission's tour. Kazi Rafiqul Alam also speaks about the vast recognition, achieved from home and abroad.

The daylong programme was inaugurated through national anthem. Then, Kazi Rafiqul Alam called upon ten distinguished respected persons to take their seats on the Manch. They are the former chairman and secretary Dr. Abdul Mozid, AUST Vice-Chancellor AMM Shafiullah, former official of UNFPA Tahera Ahmed, DAM Executive Member Dr Khalilullah, Project Director of Swiss

Contact Devi Dahal, Managing Director of Hajj Finance Company Limited (HFCL) Towhidul Islam, Engineer Abdul Haque, Cancer Specialists Prof. MA Hye and additional secretary Dr. Abdur Rahsid. Then they expressed their feelings. Following the programme, Kazi Rafiqul Alam cut the cake formally. Representatives of donation bodies, Jim Philips, Teri Diallo and Frank Khatijal; Co-president of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Alhaji Jahir Ahmed, Abu Taher, Director of Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital Brig (retd) Fazle Rahim, AUST Treasurer Kazi Shariful Alam, DAM General Secretary MA Sobhan, DAM Executive Director Dr. M Ehsanur Rahman, DAM Programme Director Shafiqul Islam, DAM TMD Director Rabyea Sultana,

invited guests, students of AUST and officials of DAM were present on the occasion.

Cultural festival launched following balloon releasing by honorable 11 guests. Mission's family member rendered Bangladeshi songs at that time. Then all stalls became open for all. Invited guests and well-wishers visited all stalls and they become aware about the development activities of Mission. They also visit photo gallery. Cultural programmes continued at multi-purpose hall from 2 to 4 pm and another cultural programme conducted by DAM family members continued from 4 to 6 pm. Around the AUST premises, the whole day was in hilarious and festive mood.



DAM IN FRAME

Some snapshots of Celebrating 55th Founding Anniversary of DAM

