

Recognition of UNESCO Bangkok and Wenhui Award Committee

DAM wins honourable commendations



Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) won Honourable Commendations on “Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation 2014” for its “Unique Intervention for Quality Primary Education Project II (UNIQUE II)”. DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam received the Certificate from China November 2014.

UNESCO’s Asia Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation and Development (APLID) and the National Commission of the Peoples’ Republic of China introduced this to recognize the educational innovations in the region.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam formally handed over the certificate

to UNIQUE-II Project Director G. F. Hamim through an event organized at DAM’s Dhanmondi Head office on 30 November. Programme Director Dr. Khawja Shamsul Huda and DAM Executive Director Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman were present in the programme.

The Jury members handed over the certificate to DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam and lauded the work of the project as one of the outstanding in the world.

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Bogra's Saera Begum wins Tk 30 lakh first prize of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital lottery



Saera Begum is an inhabitant of Bagra Hatathpara village under Sherpur thana of Bogra district. She is wife of Md Afaz Ali and mother of four children. Her husband works at a rice mill while Saera looks after the family. Her eldest son reads in Class-XII. Other children are also engaged in study. But it had become an uphill task for the couple to educate all of their children at a time. So, about three months ago they took a decision to discontinue study of their eldest son by employing him in a job. In the meantime, something happened which changed her lot and life. Saera Begum bought a ticket of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital lottery. After the draw, she saw the lottery result. To her utter surprise, she found that she had won Tk 30 lakh. At once, she changed her mind and decided that she won't employ her son in job, rather she would continue his education.

Saera narrated this story at the cheque distribution ceremony of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Lottery-2014 at Dhanmondi head office of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) in



Saera Begum-First Prize winner

the city on November 5. Not only Saera, but also the second and third prize winners, and other winners also received cheques at the same function. The number of first prize (Tk 30 lakh) winner was GHA-0545626 while other numbers were KHA-0201817 (Tk6 lakh 2nd prize), JHA- 0449783 (Tk75,000 3rd prize).

DAM president Kazi Rafiqul Alam presided over the function while Secretary of Internal Resources Division of the Ministry of Finance Md Golam Hossain, also the Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), distributed the cheques as the chief guest.

While addressing, the chief guest said, "Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital is a noble initiative of DAM, where cancer patients will receive proper treatment." "Giving due importance to nursing service, he urged the DAM authorities to come forward to set up a nursing training centre or nursing institute."

In his address, Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, "We have earned people's confidence by setting up the cancer hospital. The money earned through the cancer hospital lottery, will help a lot in launching the hospital in full scale."

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally inaugurated the hospital at its primary stage on April 9, 2014. In a bid to create fund for the 15-storey hospital, a campaign was launched for selling Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Lottery-2014 from August 3 and the lottery draw was held on September 20.

First reunion of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers' Training College

First Reunion of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers' Training College (KATTC)-2014 was held on its Shyamoli campus in the capital on November 21 this year.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) president Kazi Rafiqul Alam was present at the morning session of the programme as the chief guest. Former chairman of the National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB) Professor M Eltasuddin presided over while vice chancellor (VC) of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology Dr A M M Shafiullah and former principal of KATTC were present as special guests. KATTC

principal Professor Fatema Khatun delivered the welcome address.

In his address, Kazi Rafiqul Alam stressed on giving much attention to the pursuit of knowledge. Teachers will spread light in society if they are reared properly through acquirement of knowledge, he mentioned.

Former students remembered their olden days. This was followed by a

cultural function.

The first non-government teachers' training college of the country, Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers' Training College, was established in 1992. In 2007, Bangladesh government conducted a survey of 119 government and non-government teachers' training colleges of the country. Of them, 14 were government colleges and 105 non-government colleges. Three of the 105 non-government colleges maintained quality in education, according to the survey report. Among the three, KATTC was adjudged as the best college of the country. This is the first ever college that gives training on formulation of creative question papers and evaluation of answers.



AUST Vice chancellor (VC) Dr A M M Shafiulla

Workshop on child protection, child rights at Kapasia

A workshop on child protection and child rights was held at Targaon Union Parishad auditorium in Kapasia



upazila of Gazipur district on November 12, 2014. Dhaka Ahsania Mission's Girl Power project initiated the programme.

Targaon Union Parishad (UP) chairman and Shishu Surakkha Dal President Khalilur Rahman, woman Vice Chairman of Kapasia Upazila Parishad Samsunahar Daisy, technical officer of Girl Power project Safiqul Islam, government official Mofazzal Hossain Khan, vice president of Shishu Surakkha Dal Hosne Ara Begum, Union Parishad members Samsuddoha, Safiqul Islam, Ashikul Imam Soeb, Habibur Rahman, Shamsun Nahar, Sharifa Khatun, Lokman Hossain, Imam of local mosque Maolana Md Obaidullah, Monir Hossain of Information Service Centre, teachers, social workers, women leaders, local Quazi and elite were present.

Issues on child protection, child right, child marriage, violence on women and eve teasing were discussed to raise awareness on the issues.



DAM Sammriddhi programme observes World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day-2014 was observed on November 14 this year with a slogan of 'Swasthosammoto Khabar Shuru Hok Swakaler Nasta Thekei' (let healthy food start from breakfast).

To mark the Day, Sammriddhi healthcare and nutrition programme of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), in collaboration with Bangladesh Diabetic Samity, organised various programmes in Manohordi upazila of Narsingdi district. Programmes included rally, human chain, discussion meeting, distribution of posters and leaflets and free diabetic camp.

In the morning, a colourful procession was brought out from Manohordi Upazila Parishad compound. The procession paraded different roads of the upazila town and later terminated on the Upazila Parishad premises where a human chain was formed. Before the human chain, a brief discussion meeting was held on diabetes control and prevention.

Among others, Manohordi upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Mahmud Hasan, social welfare Officer M A Mannan, Shukundi Union Parishad chairman Abdul Gani Farazi, Manohordi Journalists' Forum president Md Asaduzzaman and area manager of DAM Microfinance Pogramme Md Tofazzal Hossain took part in the discussion. The human chain programme ended with a vow to work for prevention of spread of diabetes by motivating people to take proper diet and maintain healthy lifestyle.

This was followed by a one and a half hours free diabetes camp on the the Upazila Paishad premises. People from all walks of life took part in the camp. Health assistants of Sammriddhi healthcare and nutrition programme tested diabetes of 41 people. Of them, 22 patients were detected as diabetics. Dr Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain of the camp gave proper advices to them.

In 2007, the United Nations (UN) declared November 14 as World Diabetes Day. Local upazila administration officials, Shukundi union chairmen and members, diabetics, local school and college students, physicians, journalists of various national and local newspapers, workers of DAM Microfinance Pogramme and Sammriddhi healthcare and nutrition programme participated in the day-long activities.

Advocacy workshop with different ministries held



An advocacy workshop with Focal Points on HIV and AIDS of Different Ministries was held at conference room of Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment on 24 November. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment jointly organized this workshop with the support of Save the Children in Bangladesh under Global Fund RCC phase-2 program. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Khondaker Showkat Hossain, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.

ICU launched at AMCH

The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) has been launched at Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) in November. Being funded by the First Security Islami Bank Limited (FSIBL), the ICU started its journey with five beds at initial stage. While speaking at a discussion before its inaugural ceremony, FSIBL managing director AAM Zakaria said, "FSIBL extends its helping hand towards any

clients of FSIBL while it has 131 branches. This year, six more branches will be opened.

AMCH director Brigadier General (ret'd) Dr Syed Fazle Rahim said, "The 5-bed ICU was opened with Tk 1 crore 97 lakh allocation of FSIBL." "Moreover, a modern Echo-cardiogram machine and a Digital X-ray machine have also been launched."



DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, AMCGH Director Brigadier General (ret'd) Dr Syed Fazle Rahim, FSIBL deputy managing director Syed Wasek Mohammad Ali, Kazi Osman Ali and other high official from both organisation visiting the newly launched ICU

good initiative. Five per cent income of the bank is spent on service-oriented activities as part of the bank's CSR activity." However, the bank allocates a major allocation on education and then on health. FSIBL has donated a cardiac ambulance to BIRDEM Hospital and a high standard Ultrasonogram machine to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). Lauding Ahsania Mission president Kazi Rafiqul Alam, AAM Zakaria said, "He never retreats from good work. He resolutely pushes forward every good initiative. Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital is its outcome. Because of his love for truth, Ahsania Mission is a milestone around the world. At present, there are 10 lakh

their life. Expressing his gratitude to the FSIBL chairman, he hoped that the bank would contribute more towards humanitarian service."

Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, "Here, poor patients will receive healthcare service at a nominal cost. Giving 30 percent discount, patients are treated here." He said, "We don't want profit, rather we want return of money that we spend here."

Among others, FSIBL deputy managing director Syed Wasek Mohammad Ali, Kazi Osman Ali, senior executive vice president Md Saifur Rahman and head of Marketing & Development Division Azam Khan were present on the occasion.

DAM-CLC project's subject-wise skill enhancement training held

A four-day training programme was conducted under Dhaka Ahsania Mission's Children Learning (DAM-CLC) project at Chittagong regional centre.

Sarwar Kamal, Rowshan Ara Chowdhury and Nasima Akter acted as resource persons at the training sessions. The training course lasted from October 30 to November 2 this year. Officials of three regions of Chittagong, Noakhali and Jamalpur were present.

Project manager Ayub Khan, Basic Education Coordinator Saiful Islam, training coordinator Khadizunnahar (Swapna), Chittagong regional manager Shibapad Chakma and Noakhali regional manager Mokter Hossain implemented the programme.

Training was conducted to field-level officials to raise their subject-wise skills (National Curriculum & Textbook Board approved subjects) for implementation of the non-formal educational programme.

Int'l Elderly Day observed in Satkhira



International Elderly Day was observed in Satkhira on October 2, 2014. A rally was brought out from Satkhira Ahsania Mission compound in the morning. This was followed by a meeting at the same venue. District Social Welfare Directorate deputy director Sheikh Mohsin Ali presided over while additional deputy commissioner (general) Mohsin Ali spoke on the occasion as the chief guest.

Satkhira Pourasabha Mayor Alhaj MA Jalil, Zila Awami League general secretary Alhaj Md Nazul Islam, zila primary education officer (retd) Alhaj Nazrul Islam, Satkhira District Citizens' Development Committee president Quamrul Islam Faruque and cultural secretary of Probin Hitoishi Sangha Mozammel Hossain addressed there.

Two day long programme marking World Mental Health Day held

Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Society

(BCPS) and Nasirullah Psychotherapy Unit (NPU) jointly organized a two-day long programme to observe "World Mental Health Day" on 12 & 13th November 2014.

This year the theme was "Living with Schizophrenia." The programme was held in Teacher and Student centre (TSC), University of Dhaka. Different workshops, public seminar, open discussion, round table discussion were held there and also stalls from various organizations were installed



to exhibit their materials on mental health issues, such as Information about Schizophrenia, Disaster management, Psychosocial dysfunction, Drug addiction, Violence against women, Psychometric assessment etc.

Addiction Management and Integrated Care (AMIC) and Institute of Dhaka Ahsania Mission participated in the programme.

2 lakh vulnerable women, farmers of SW region brought under technological fold

Two lakh vulnerable women and small farmers of southwestern (SW) region have been brought under the fold of technology in a bid to ensure their food security and nutrition.

The USAID Agricultural Extension Assistance project has been launched aiming to make farmers efficient, render technical assistance to them and help marketing their goods and providing other facilities to them.

At the same time, five-year assistance will be provided to the farmers of 20 districts of southwestern region including Jessore district for overall development of agriculture.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission will implement the project in collaboration with the agricultural department. This was disclosed at an orientation meeting held at Jessore Collectorate meeting room on November 20, 2014. Jessore Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mostafizur Rahman presided over the meeting.

At the meeting, E-agriculture expert of the project Agriculturist Nazrul Islam said, "Farmers face problems in marketing their agricultural products like paddy, jute, fisheries and livestock. Because of lack of adequate government manpower and technology, the farmers' problems persist. Aiming to resolve their problems, a pragmatic programme has been undertaken with the assistance of local agricultural department. For the purpose, a software has been created through which farmers will be able to resolve their problems by sending messages through mobile phones. They will get instant solution to their problems. Besides, five-year benefits will be given to the farmers. The benefits include marketing of their agricultural products, providing with necessary technical assistance and farmers' skill development.

This will ensure food security and nutrition of two lakh vulnerable women and farmers in the country. District manager Razia Sultana said marketing of produced agricultural products is the main problem of farmers.

Necessary support will be provided to the farmers so that they get fair price of their products. Farmers will be able to know the prices of goods as well as availability of products in the markets. He further said, "Initially, work has started in three upazilas of Jessore such as Jessore Sadar, Keshobpur and Chowgachha. Area of its activity may be increased in phases.

Jessore regional manager of the project Shawkat Ali said, "Work already started to raise efficiency and overall development of farmers who cultivate jute, chilli, pulse, fish, nut, water melon and tomato as well as rear milch cows."

"Standard of agriculture will be developed in 20 districts of Khulna division, including Jessore, Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Narail, Magura, Jhenidah, Meherpur and Chuadanga, with assistance from the agriculture extension assistance project.

Deputy chief of party of the project Jerimi Jey Davis spoke highlighting the objectives of the project.

District livestock officer Dr Abdur Razzaque, district fisheries officer Ramzan Ali, plant protection specialist Nirmal Kumar Dey, district social welfare officer Imran Hossain also spoke on the occasion. Regional focal person of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Khairul Alam, area coordinator of MCA project Rafiqul Islam and officials of government and non-government organizations were present.



Vegetables field with the assistance of USAID Agricultural Extension Assistance project in Jessore



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