

Free cataract surgery for poor

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Islamia Eye Hospital (IEH) in collaboration with the Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) yesterday launched an operation theatre to conduct free cataract surgery on 1,800 visually impaired poor people.

Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, governor of Bangladesh Bnk, inaugurated the operation theatre.

SCB staff of Singapore raised the fund for free surgery as part of their "Seeing is believing" programme.

Euleen Goh, chief executive officer

(CEO) of SCB Singapore handed over a cheque worth about Tk 33 lakh for the surgery during her visit to Bangladesh in October 9.

Under the programme, the SCB has raised fund to restore sight to 28,000 visually impaired people in more than 55 countries across the world where the bank operates.

David Fletcher, CEO of SCB Bangladesh, IEH Chairman Mirza Ali Behrouze Ispahani, and Advisor Zaheda Ispahani were present.

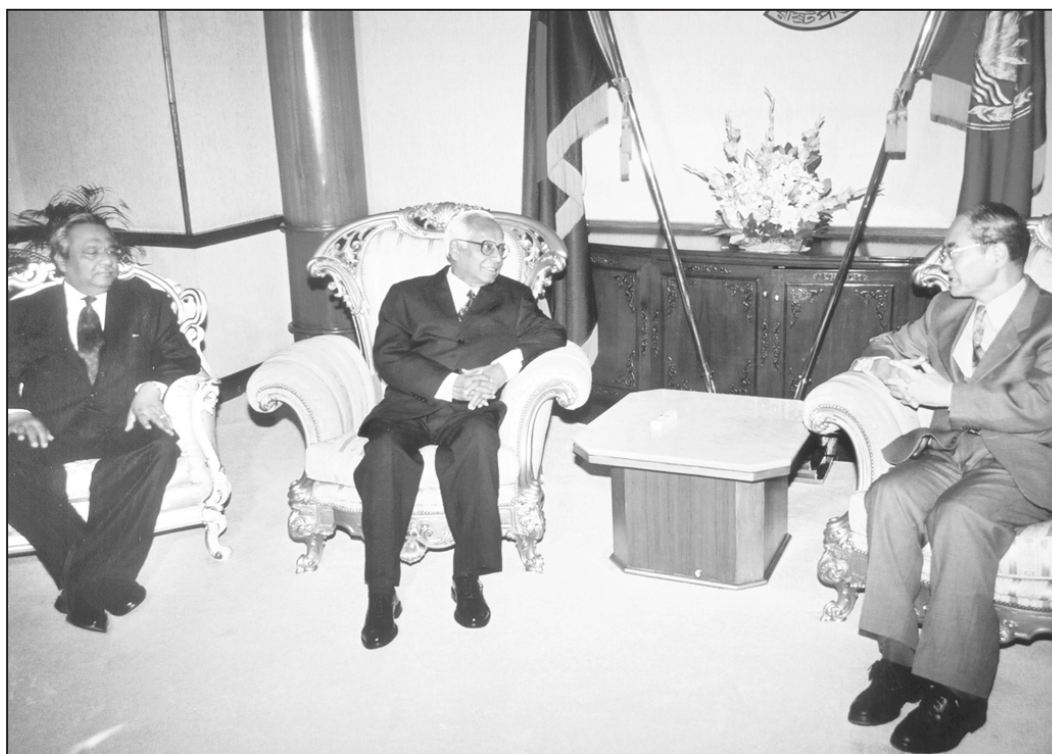


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Director General of Unesco Koichiro Matsuura called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

DU dean election December 11

DU CORRESPONDENT

Election of the deans of seven faculties of Dhaka University (DU) will be held on December 11.

DU authorities have announced the election schedule on Saturday. DU Treasurer Prof. Syed Rashidul Hasan will conduct the election to be held at the Teacher and Student centre (TSC), from 9:00am to 1:00pm without any break.

The last date for submission of nomination papers is December 18.

Candidates of the ruling BNP- and Jamaat-e-Islami-backed teachers' known as 'White Panel' and opposition Awami League-backed 'Blue Panel' have already finalised its candidates for the election.

Left-leaning 'Pink Panel' has not yet finalised its candidates. Sources said the panel might not field candidates for all seven posts.

White panel candidates are as

follows: Arts faculty -- Prof. Sadrul Amin of English department; Science -- Prof. Tazmery S Islam of chemistry department; Law -- Dr. Nayeema Haque; Social Science -- Prof. Abu Ahmed of economics department; Biological Science -- Prof. Saiyad Shalehin Kadri of biochemistry department; Business -- Prof. Sirazul Islam of Management Studies department, and Pharmacy -- Prof. Abdur Rashid.

The Blue panel candidates are: Prof. Shrif Ullah Bhuiyan of History department for arts faculty; Prof. RIM Aminur Rashid of physics department for science faculty; Prof. Mizanur Rahman for Law; Prof. Harunur Rashid of political science department for social science faculty; Prof. Shaheed Akther Hossain of Soil; water and environment department for the biological science faculty; Prof. Mizanur Rahman of Marketing department for business faculty and Prof. ABM Farook for the pharmacy faculty.

Unesco DG calls on president

BSS, Dhaka

Visiting Unesco Director General Koichiro Matsuura paid a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Welcoming the Unesco top executive, the president said the contribution of Unesco for the development of science and education in Bangladesh is very praiseworthy.

Koichiro Matsuura told the president that the Unesco would provide all-out support for protection of cultural heritage in Bangladesh. The Unesco would also expand its technical and vocational training programmes.