



18th Medical Conference & Annual General Meeting and



Inauguration of SAARC Medical Association

DREAM INTO REALITY

Bangladesh Medical Association BMA, the national apex body is the pride for all the medical professionals of Bangladesh. This is unique amongst professional associations, not merely an organization plying for professional concerned. The organization had its name embalmed with several historic landmark. Association's vivacious role in '52, 71 & '90s were remembered with due solemnity.

Apart from its mission to safeguard, regulate and upgrade the noble profession, assisting & supporting the members, assisting in formulation of the policy for smooth plying of the medical professionals, BMA endeavored successfully to all arena of humanity to reduce the suffering of ailing destitute.

Under the vibrant leadership of current office bearers BMA underwent rapid metamorphosis through incorporating scientific and most upgraded vision. It now became a true welfare body assisting both its member professional and the people as well. BMA extended its unfolded potentialities to strengthen government's effort to encounter the challenges of the millennium. BMA has its own objective to uphold the national health standard to the global equivalence by 2015 and in thrive for the goal it is making decisive moves.

We pay due tribute to gallant freedom fighter, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, who pioneered the dissemination of primary health care to the doorstep of common people with the jargon "Health for all." He always sensibly emphasized on achieving perfection, whatever be the profession.

Honorable Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, continued the trend and took several initiatives for the strengthening of Health service delivery system. In last four years of her current tenure, under the efficient guidance of Prime Minister, and with the help of Minister and State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, we achieved a good deal of success in the field of health. We, on behalf of the health professionals of Bangladesh offer our whole hearted gratitude to them.

To transform BMA into a world standard professional institute, establishment of Dr M A Mazed BMA Library & IT Centre and further renovation and extension work of the premises is heading at breakneck pace. The construction work of the auditorium is nearing its completion. Continuing medical education program of BMA paved the way for the health professionals to achieve professional excellence through seminar, symposium etc. Health Sector Strengthening Program on "Diagnosis and Management of Arsenicosis" earned congenial appreciation from critics. Another such program on HIV AIDS is now underway. In addition to Free Friday Clinics, BMA continued to arrange free operation camps in different part of the country for providing treatment to the cleft lip and cleft palate patients. Through publication of quality News Letter and journal regularly BMA make effort quench the thirst of readers. Doctor's welfare trust was formed to support the health professionals in their needs. Legal aid committee of BMA is a vigilant body against unethical medical practices.

To acknowledge outstanding contribution in the war of liberation, medical education & organization, since 2003 BMA Gold Medals have been awarded every year among the medical personnel. BMA has earned membership of World Medical Association, Commonwealth Medical Association and Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania.

The most phenomenal venture of present BMA is to create a unified platform for the medical personnel of South Asian Region, the SAARC Medical Association. I certainly believe, this move will be regarded as a landmark for the uninterrupted flow of knowledge, technology and expertise. The Long cherished dream is now a reality. Let's march forward for a brighter future.

Dr. A Z M Zahid Hossain
Secretary General, Bangladesh Medical Association

Secretary General
World Medical Association

In my capacity as Secretary General of the World Medical Association I send you our greetings for your 18th National Medical Conference.

The National Medical Associations are the physicians' platform to voice their opinions, to bundle their efforts, to protect individual physicians, but also and foremost to protect our patients and their needs for health.

We are glad to have the Bangladesh Medical Association as a member in the World Medical Association providing service to the international health community and being part of our attempts to cope with the problems physicians encounter daily, providing ethical guidance and advocacy on an international level.

(Dr. Otmar Kloiber)

National President
Indian Medical Association

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation has provided a platform for the peoples of South Asia to work together in a spirit of friendship, trust and understanding since its inception in 1985. This laudable idea of formation of the 'SAARC Medical Association' will most certainly enhance cooperation amongst the national medical associations of south Asian region which in turn will enhance medical brethren from across the borders to gain from the ensuing inter country experiences.

We need to work towards establishing SAARC Medical Association as a vibrant organization serving the peoples of the region and address problems concerning the education, training, research, rehabilitation and continuing professional development programs and to recommend solutions to make a positive impact in the lives of all stakeholders.

Best wishes
(Dr Sanjiv Malik)

Ministry of Health
Royal Government of Bhutan

The concept of SAARC Medical Association is a noble one and I wish to acclaim the Bangladesh Medical Association in taking this initiative of making the concept a reality. The SAARC Medical Association has laid down specific objectives. In an atmosphere of cooperation, sharing appropriate experience and technology and building upon them, will enhance the quality of lives of the people of the region. I believe that all Member Medical Associations and representative bodies shall work in unison in achieving these objectives.

Dr. Bhakta Raj Giri
Senior Medical Specialist

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President
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message



On the occasion of "18th Bangladesh Medical Conference and Annual General Meeting and Inauguration of SAARC Medical Association" may I have the proud privilege to offer my gratitude to every one related to the glorious event.

Role of doctors in the promotion of health of the people is a well known fact. Doctors should have a humanistic attitude in treating their patients. Doctors of our country are no exception to it.

This conference will definitely play a tremendous role in professional development. Through SAARC Medical Association, it is expected to improve the health status of the region.

I wish every success of the conference.

(Dr. Iazuddin Ahmed)



Minister
Ministry of Finance & Planning
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message



I am delighted that Bangladesh Medical Association is holding its "18th Bangladesh Medical Conference and Annual General Meeting" on 2nd January 2006. BMA is a well known national organization of the doctors of Bangladesh. It takes care of not only its members, but also looks into the welfare of the whole nation in different fields.

It is expected that BMA will take necessary steps to improve the health care system of the country and of the South Asian region through establishment of SAARC Medical Association.

Md. Saifur Rahman



State Minister
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message



Bangladesh Medical Association plays the key role for the welfare of both its members and the ailing humanity of the country. Present BMA has taken steps to solve lot of problems the health sector and is also playing a vital role in helping the government in materializing different programs. Through establishment of SAARC Medical Association, health status of the region will definitely improve.

Mr. Mizanur Rahman Sinha.



Secretary
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message



I express my gratitude in this occasion of 18th Bangladesh Medical Conference, Annual General Meeting of BMA and inauguration of SAARC Medical Association to all members. This Medical Conference will be held for Professional development which will inspire others to work for the nation.

Abu Md. Moniruzzaman Khan



President
Bangladesh Medical Association

Message



Bangladesh Medical Association is holding its "18th Bangladesh Medical Conference and Annual General Meeting" on 2nd January 2006. This year 18th Medical Conference is consider to be valuable with a wider participation. More significance has been added due to inclusion of the inauguration of the SAARC Medical Association.

Bangladesh Medical Association is doing a wonderful job in promoting health care facilities of the country together with improvement of medical education, research etc. Bangladesh Medical Association is also actively involved in different socio-culture activities. For improvement of professional aptitude, Bangladesh Medical Association organizes workshops through out the country.

(Prof. M.A. Hadi)

President
Pakistan Medical Association

Message



I am pleased to note that Bangladesh Medical Association has taken the initiative to work for formation of the SAARC Medical Association. We under banner of SARC Medical Association would work together in achieving our common goals.

I feel extremely grateful to Prime Minister who by her presence in the conference is showing her commitment to one common cause. She is SAARC chairperson and I hope her blessings will be with this newly formed Association.
Dr. Umar Ayub Khan

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Prime Minister
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message



On the occasion of the great event "18th Bangladesh Medical Conference and Annual General Meeting and Inauguration of SAARC Medical Association", I offer my heartiest greetings to all members of Bangladesh Medical Association and SAARC Medical Association.

In addition to continuing professional development, Bangladesh Medical Association takes active role in different socio-economic programs of the country. The nation will remember the contribution of doctors in language movement, liberation war, movement against autocratic government.

Present government has given priority to health sector. Government has taken different steps for its development in last four years. Modernization of hospitals, increase in bed strength, supply of equipments and medicine etc. are different steps that were taken.

Doctors are involved in a noble profession. I sincerely hope that doctors will always have humanistic attitude in rendering their services. Through establishment of SAARC Medical Association, the medical services will further improve within the region.

I wish the conference a success.
Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad.

(Begum Khaleda Zia)



Minister
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message



It gives me immense pleasure to learn that, BMA is going to hold its "18th Bangladesh Medical Conference and Annual General Meeting" on 2nd January 2006. On this gracious occasion, let me have an opportunity to offer my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of BMA.

As the national organization of all the doctors of the country, BMA takes care of the professional activities, health care delivery etc of the country. This conference is also going to open an avenue for the constitution of SAARC Medical Association.

(Dr. Khondaker Mossarraf Hossain)



Chairman
Standing Committee on Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Bangladesh Parliament

Message



I feel proud to know that, the National organization of the doctors, BMA is holding its "18th Bangladesh Medical Conference and Annual General Meeting" on 2nd January 2006.

BMA, since its inception takes care of the health of the people of the country. I am sure BMA will always be keen in looking after the health sector of the country as it has been doing in the past. Establishment of SAARC Medical Association will further improve the position of health within the region.

(MD. Moshir Rahman MP)



President
Sri Lanka Medical Association

Message



It is with great pleasure that I send greetings from Sri Lanka, first to congratulate the Bangladesh Medical Association for taking the initiative to establish the SAARC Medical Association and also to wish it every success.

The SAARC Medical Association, I am confident, could form a strong lobby and take them up with the SAARC leaders so that we could make realistic and effective contributions to the health indices of the region.

(Professor A H Sherifdeen FRCS DSc)



President
Nepal Medical Association

Message



Thank you very much for your invitation to attend the annual conference of Bangladesh Medical Association, and the formation meeting of SAARC Medical Association. I hope the newly formed SAARC Medical Association will be able to address some of the common issues related to health and well being of our people through exchange of technical knowledge and expertise of our member associations.

(Prof. Sudha Sharma)

Representative
Ministry of Health, Maldives

Message



It gives me great pleasure the part of glorious inauguration of SAARC Medical Association. The physicians of this region always dreamt of having a unified platform. I congratulate Bangladesh Medical Association for this initiative.

Dr. Naifa Afeef
Senior Dental Officer