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Course on cooking changes lives

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When the youths are finding it very difficult to get a good job despite having university degrees, a hospitality training institute brings hope for them to become self-reliant.

Mohammad Kamruzzaman passed HSC a few years ago and he did not enrol in any university. But now he is confident of getting a lucrative job abroad just because he has obtained a diploma from Tommy Miah's Institute of Hospitality Management.

After passing HSC when Kamruzzaman was planning to fix his aim, one of his friends, who now works in Radisson Water Garden Hotel, advised him to get admitted in Tommy Miah's

Institute to take a diploma course.

Impressed by his friend's idea he decided to take cooking as his career and enrolled in the institute. He has recently completed his one-year diploma course on Food and Beverage, Cooking and Preparation from the institute.

"As a career food and beverage has high demand both in national and international level in the present context. So I decided to become a chef," said Kamruzzaman who received his diploma certificate at a function yesterday.

"Skill, certificate and experience help one to get work permit and visa for foreign job. I think I have the skill and the certificate from Tommy Miah's Institute approved by City & Guild, UK, which is a renowned

international institute. For gathering experience I will start my career at home and after one year's experience I will try my luck abroad," he added.

Along with Kamruzzaman, 65 students with the similar expectation sat for the examination on hospitality from Tommy Miah's Institute affiliated with City & Guild UK. All of them qualified and are now preparing for starting their career as chef.

"The fresh chefs have learnt to cook delicious foods, hygiene, food safety at work, kitchen organisation and food nutrition," said Rubina H. Farouq, head of the institute.

The institute was founded in August 2004 and got affiliation from the City & Guild, UK in November 2006.

Although a total of 280 students participated in the one-year diploma course on Food and Beverage, Cooking and Preparation, 65 of them qualified for the international level certificate recognised by the City & Guild, UK.

Steven Bridges, deputy high commissioner of British High Commission, Dhaka, and Richard Sunderland, deputy director of British Council, were present as special guests at the certificate-giving ceremony.

Master chef Tommy Miah, chairman of the institute, Satyajit Sarkar, representative of City & Guild, UK, Zulfia Asaf Dowla, external verifier of City & Guild and Rizwan Bin Farouq, managing director of the institute, were also present.



Successful participants and organisers pose for a picture at a certificate giving ceremony.

Underpass at Shahbagh remains far cry

Mayor unveils plans for two foot bridges but shelves plan to build underpass at Shahbagh where accidents are rampant

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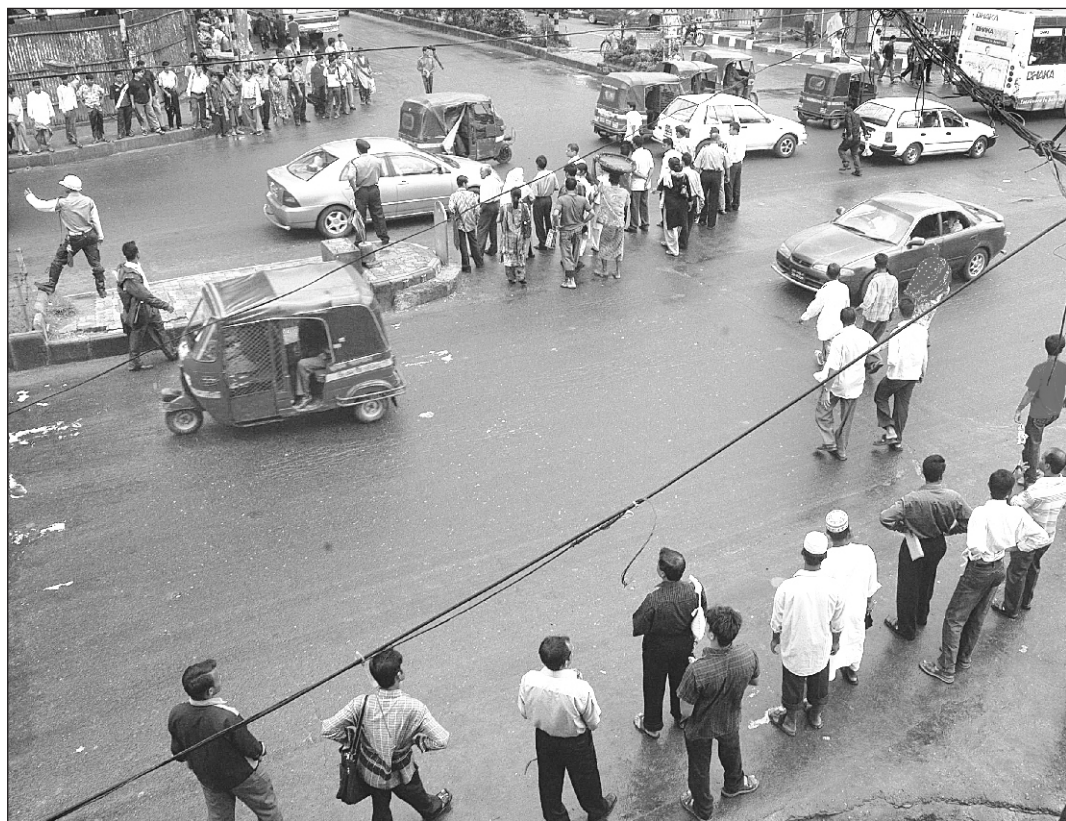
Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) mayor has finally inaugurated construction work of two foot-over-bridges at Paribagh and Karwan Bazar, but his promise to construct two underpasses at Shahbagh and Banglamotor remained far away from reality.

The mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said they have completed all preparatory work for the two underpasses and the project is now awaiting government funds.

"I am willing to keep my promise, but the project involves a big investment and the DCC does not have the ability to fund it; so it is taking time," Khoka said.

The mayor had assured Dhaka University (DU) students that he would construct an underpass at Shahbagh within three months following a massive protest by them after one of their mates Mobarak Hossain, a first year management (Hons) student was run over by a bus at the Shahbagh crossing on May 8, this year.

Construction of two underpasses at Shahbagh and Banglamotor and a foot over bridge at Paribagh was under the same project. A private bank



People crossing road at a busy intersection exposing themselves to accidents.

came forward to finance the two foot-over-bridges at Paribagh and Karwan Bazar (Hotel Sonagaon intersection).

The construction of two underpasses would cost Tk. 24 crore.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) may not be able start construction of the underpass at Shahbagh during the tenure of this government as it is still awaiting planning commission approval.

The three-month time period promised by the mayor has ended, and there is no sign of him keeping his promise.

The DCC has not assigned consultant for feasibility study as yet. And the project would

delay more as the government has only two more months to complete its tenure, said a DCC official.

"DCC will fund the feasibility study but the funding for the project itself should come from the finance ministry," he added.

The mayor said that they are looking for financier for the two underpasses as well.

"If we find a financier for the project, similar to the two foot-over bridges at Paribagh and Karwan Bazar, they would be more than welcome and the problem would be solved much quicker," said the mayor.

Following the DU student protest after Mobarak Hossain's death four speed breakers were set at four points at Shahbagh, but vehicles continue to ply recklessly.

A year before Mobarak's death, on May 28, 2005, Shammi Akhtar Happy, a third-year student of psychology was killed in the same manner at the same place.

In a span of seven years, eight students of the university were killed in road accidents, triggering violent protests on the campus. But very little of their demands were met.

Dhaka: Yesterday....

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Litterateur Humaun Ahmed. I was very active in student politics. Later I changed my course of study to Economics.

SC: What memory of Dhaka do you cherish most?

AB: The beauty of DU campus, the day I joined the department of Economics, which was August 10, 1982.

SC: How have the changes in the city affected your life?

AB: I see three big changes in Dhaka - increasing population, growing physical infrastructures and emerging posh areas. These changes do not affect me positively.

SC: Which part or what in Dhaka do you are proud of?

AB: I am not proud of Dhaka as a city. The rural areas are more attractive. When I come to Dhaka from elsewhere, I could smell the

heavy, polluted air when approaching the city. It is unpleasant and unwelcoming.

But when I see it as a historical place and the capital, the feeling is different. The DU campus, Modhur Canteen, the role of Dhaka in the Language Movement of 1952 and the Liberation War of 1971 are things to be proud of.

I am proud of the resilience power of the people of Dhaka, with their great skills, courage and ability to cope with the tough life the city offers.

Old Dhaka presented a crude picture of child labour on a visit I made, in connection with my research. Children were smoldering glass bangles in a half-lit place, with a ceiling so low that they could hardly stand - all for Tk 110 a week. There is no plan for earthquake resistant structures in the city. Everybody is happy because the city has grown amid

such an array of dazzling shopping malls.

SC: What do you envisage for Dhaka in the next 20 years?

AB: In the next 20 years the population of Dhaka can go beyond three crore because of the population boom and migration. Most of them will be poor and end up in slums, as squatters and in no-income settlements. If inequality increases a social upheaval may take place. So plans for equal distribution have to be made at national level. The thoughts of Dhaka should be a part of the thoughts about the country.

Dr Abul Barkat, professor, Department of Economics, Dhaka University; chief adviser (Hon), Human Development Research Centre and general secretary, Bangladesh Economic Association spoke to Durdana Ghias of Star City.

Authorities sleep over illegal

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the main road, he said, "I don't know exactly. If we have permitted anyone, we have done so in consultation with the DMP. We can allow it in some cases but not at the cost of public interests."

DMP Commissioner SM Mizanur Rahman said, "People will definitely park their vehicles on the street if the markets and shopping malls do not have parking space."

"Even if some commercial set-ups have car parking facilities, they do not use it as parking lot but rent out for commercial purposes," he said.

Almost none of the markets and shopping malls in the city

has parking lot, said the police commissioner. "But it is the duty of Rajuk to monitor such deviations from construction rules and punish the culprits."

"None of the high-rise buildings along the Gulshan Avenue has required parking facilities," said DMP Deputy Commissioner (Traffic South) Feroz Al Mujahid.

Parking lot at commercial establishments in Gulshan Avenue, Kemal Ataturk Avenue and Dhanmondi area are used for purposes other than car parking.

The Regional Transport Committee (RTC), headed by the DMP commissioner, has written to the Dhaka Transport Coordination Board (DTCB) to

take measures to streamline illegal parking in the city, said Feroz.

"We are unable to tackle illegal parking in the city mainly because of fund constraints," said DTCB Additional Executive Director Dr SM Saleh Uddin.

But presently, any builder of new multi-storied buildings have to obtain clearance from the DTCB on parking provision and assured smooth traffic flow prior to approval of the design, he said. "But the number of such builders seeking DTCB clearance is few."

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Leaves Dhaka at 7-00 am

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Leaves Dhaka at 9-20 pm

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