



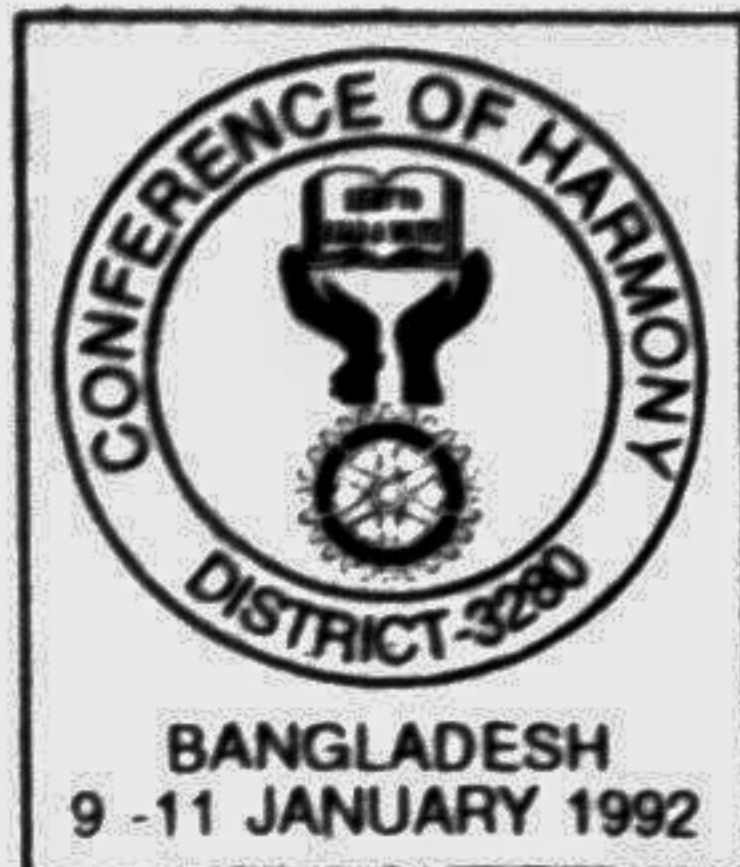
"CONFERENCE OF HARMONY"

Theme : Look Beyond Yourself

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 1991-92

District 3280/Bangladesh, Rotary International

Host : Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka

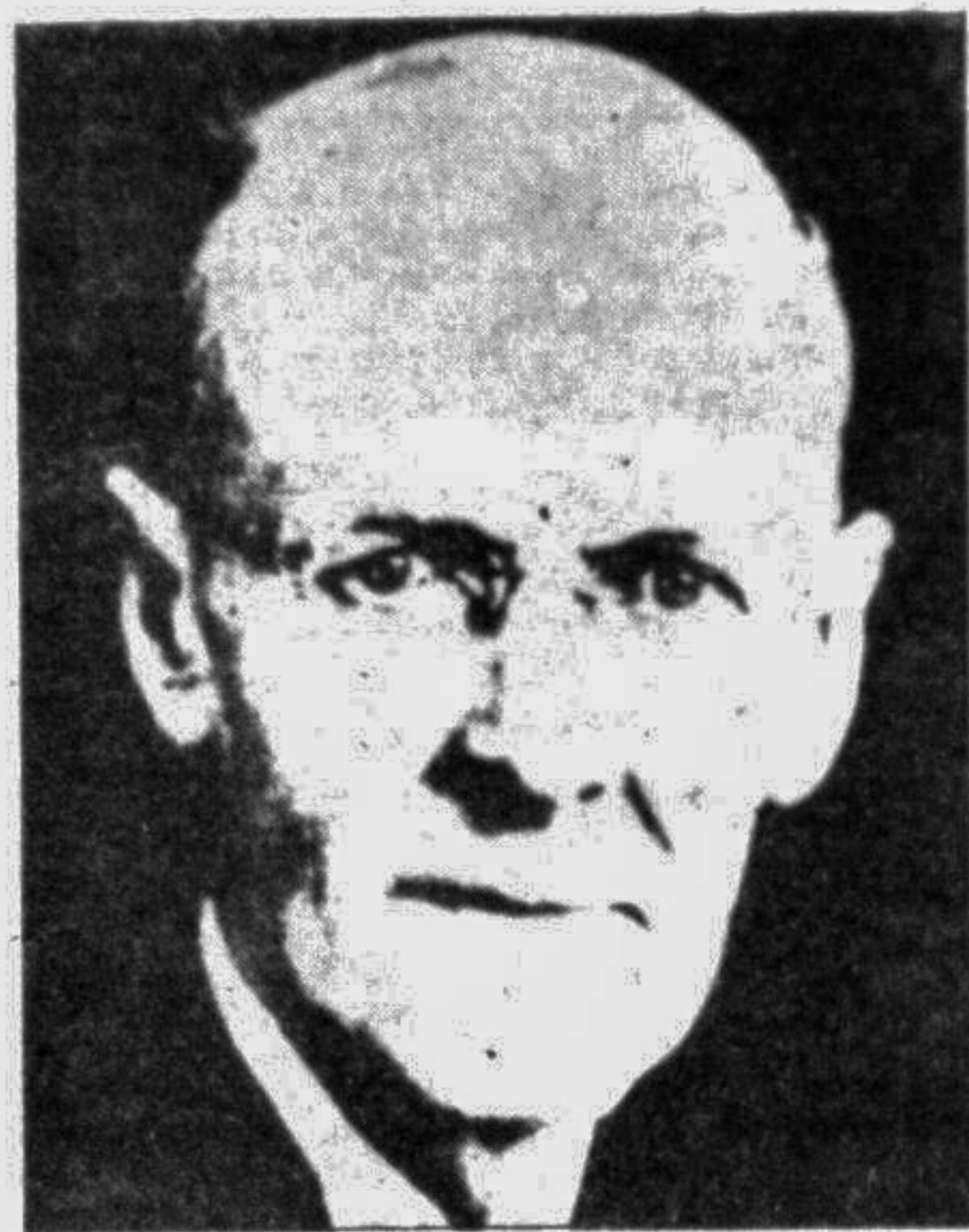


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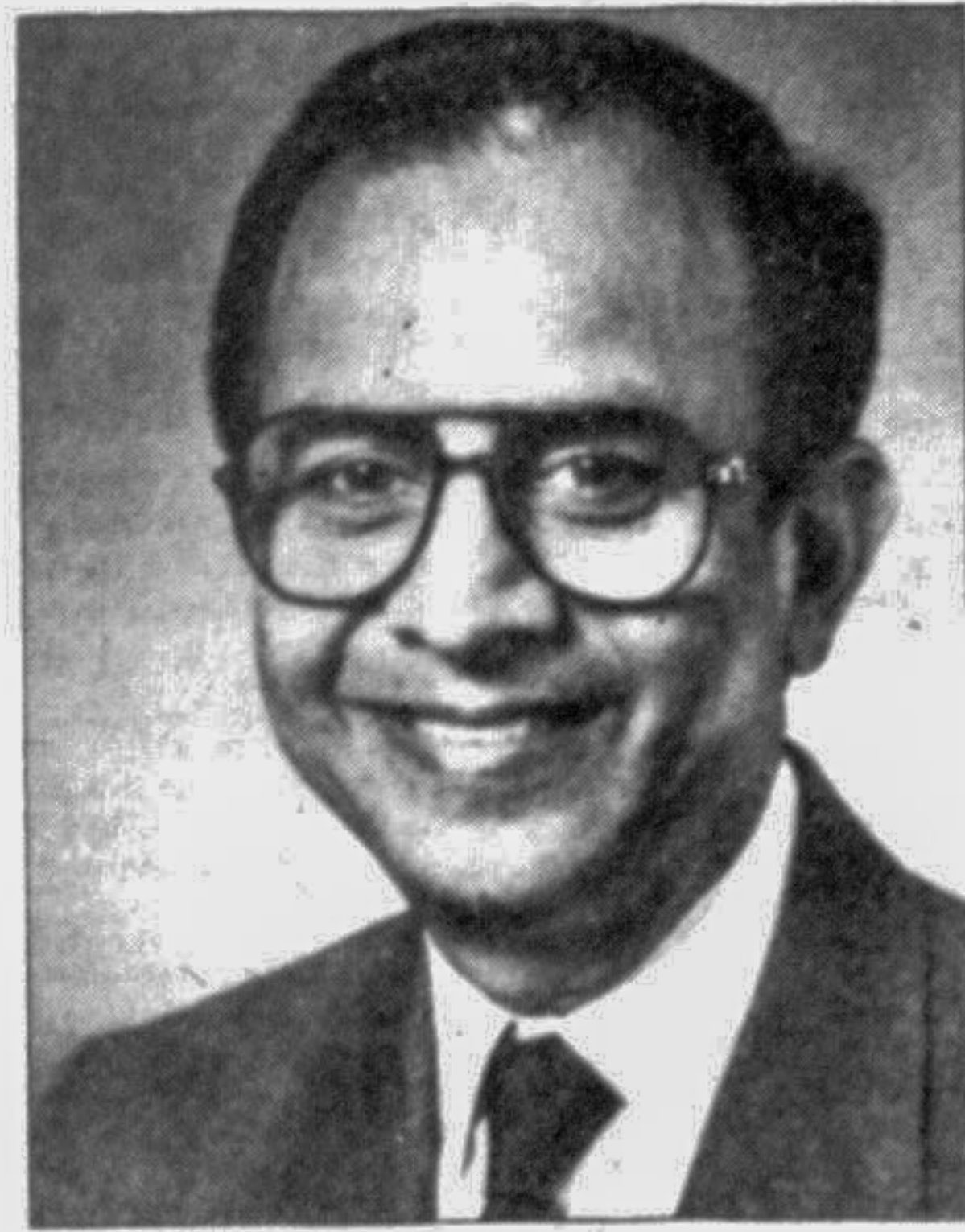


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Hon'ble President
People's Republic of Bangladesh



Founder of Rotary
19 April, 1868-27 January 1947

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Rotary International 1991-92

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION : 75 YEARS OF SERVICES

The year 1991-92 marks a special event for Rotary. This year, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) turns 75 and we are proud to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee — the 75th anniversary.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International provides humanitarian grants which save lives and improve conditions throughout the world; and sponsors international ambassadors of goodwill through educational awards to university students and teachers, and through international exchanges of business and professional people. These programs are all directed towards furthering understanding and friendly relations among the world's people.

The origin of The Rotary Foundation was a proposal made at the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA by Arch C Klumph, the sixth President of Rotary International. He proposed the creation of an endowment fund "for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community progress."

The first contribution to the Foundation was US \$26.50 from The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, the surplus of funds left over from the 1918 convention in that city. The first grant from the Foundation was a US\$500 grant to the International Society of Crippled Children,

made in 1930. Since then, more than US\$550 million has been contributed to the Foundation (including approximately US \$226 million for the PolioPlus

program). Some US\$300 million has been spent on programs, and an additional US\$150 million has already been committed by the Foundation's Trustees in program grants. The Foundation is supported by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of Rotary. The Rotary Foundation spends 100 per cent of its contributions on programs. Contributions are invested for a three-year period before they are expended on programs with the interest and earnings paying the Foundation's administrative costs.



PROF. JALAL U. AHMAD
District Governor,
District-3280-Bangladesh, Rotary International 1991-92

In a 1990 ranking of the top 100 US based charitable organizations, The Rotary Foundation ranked as the fifth lowest in administrative costs (nonprofit Times Special Report - 1990).

All Rotary Foundation awards and grants are made in conjunction with Rotary Club and District International service activities. Applications for funding must be initiated by a Rotary Club or District.

The programs of The Rotary Foundation are given below, because we must be aware of this prestigious trust of ours, which caters to the needs of millions of people in the world in terms of service:

International Ambassadorial Scholarships: The Rotary Foundation is the world's largest international or privately-sponsored scholarships program. The scholarship program awards graduate, undergraduate and vocational scholarship; and scholarships for teachers of the handicapped; journalists and agricultural specialists to study in a country other than their own, primarily for a period of one academic year. The scholarship is ambassadorial in nature, and scholars have a responsibility to speak to Rotary Clubs in their home and host countries. Through Grants for University Teachers' Rotary Districts may also provide a Foundation grant to a university teacher to teach in a developing nation.

PolioPlus Program: Rotary International hopes to celebrate its 100th anniversary, in 2005, in a polio-free world. Rotarians raised approximately US\$226 million to purchase vaccine for all the world's children, and Rotarians are in-

the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and national and regional health authorities. **Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Program:** The 3-H program marshals Rotary resources and manpower to accomplish largescale in international humanitarian projects that emphasize self-help and improve health, alleviate hunger and enhance human and social development. 3-H grants normally range from US\$100,000 to \$300,000 and last from one to five years.

Group Study Exchange: Under this program, teams of young non-Rotarian business and professional people venture abroad for four-to-six-week period to study the social, economic, business and cultural conditions of their host countries, and participate in home-stay with Rotarians and their families.

Matching Grants: Grants are made for educational or humanitarian projects sponsored and partially funded (at least 50%) by Rotary clubs or Districts in two or more countries.

Rotary Volunteers: This Foundation program provides opportunities for Rotarians, Foundation program alumni and Rotaractors to utilize their expertise for humanitarian service in another country. They may be assigned to specific projects, identify their own service opportunities of



Ann Rehana Jalal

involved in "social mobilization," the motivation of public and private sectors and thousands of volunteers to perform immunization campaigns. PolioPlus supports expanded programs of immunization against other vaccine-preventable diseases in developing countries in cooperation with

the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and national and regional health authorities.

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Message

Annual Rotary District Conference provides opportunity for the Rotarians to enjoy fellowship and also discuss the programme undertaken for the 1st half period of this year and also to explore the improvement to the programmes. The Rotary Clubs in District 3280, Bangladesh had been rendering yeoman services to the needy through different service programmes.

I am sure the Rotarians will rededicate themselves to the cause of Rotary.

Rotary International President Rajendra K Saboo has given a very appropriate theme of the year "Look Beyond Yourself". Each person, keeping aside his personal interest, if he starts looking beyond himself, you will find innumerable ways of service for needy persons. Rotary International President also highlights about the functional literacy and is expecting each of the clubs to take up a major project in the area and complete that during the year itself.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is celebrating its 75th anniversary. We are aware of the important role of Rotary Foundation in different projects and all the clubs are urged to observe the 75th anniversary of Rotary Foundation in a befitting manner and increase the contribution.

All these aspects are being discussed at the District Conference. I wish the deliberations all success.

Sarala and I bring the greetings of Rotary International President Rajendra K. Saboo and Ann Ushaji to all the Rotarians of District 3280, Bangladesh.

Rtn PDG M Ravindra Reddy
R I President's Representative

Acknowledgement

To be the host of District Conference 1991-92 for the Rotarians of Bangladesh is a great honour, bestowed on the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka by District Governor Jalal U Ahmad. There were more resourceful clubs who could be given this honour, but it was probably destined for us. It is a difficult task in many ways. Striking out a compromise and charting a middle path is difficult indeed, but it



cannot satisfy anyone. Holding it in a posh hotel would be prohibitively costly. On the other hand a respectable venue for the opening session is also a requirement.

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of DG Prof. Jalal, DGN L. K. Siddiqui, all PDGs, PP Sycd, Mohsen Ali, PP A. K. M. Rafiqul Islam, Rtn. Nasir A. Chowdhury, Rtn. E. R. Khan, PP R. A. Howlader, Rtn. M. S. Shafique, Rtn. M. A. Matin, Rtn. M. A. Ashraf and Rtn. G. S. Khan in making this conference viable and manageable.

President K. K. Ekram, the host club president, PP F.

Rabbi, the Conference Secretary, Rtn. Khalid Hassan and Rtn. Liaquat A Khan worked tirelessly in arranging this conference. PP Ahsanullah, PP Dr. M. Karim, PP Mahbub Jamil and PP Shah Selim were always there with helping hands.

All members of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka and their Anns, the Rotaractors and Interactors of different clubs spontaneously came forward to assist. We acknowledge their help.

District Secretary PP Dr. M. Ahsan was a friend, philosopher and guide to the Conference Committee. Even in sick bed, he worked for the success of the conference.

Rtn. Farid, Rtn. B. Rahim, Rtn. Ashfaq, Rtn. Ferdousi, Rtn. Dr. Anwar, as Chairmen of different committees guided all activities in a coherent manner. We are indebted to them.

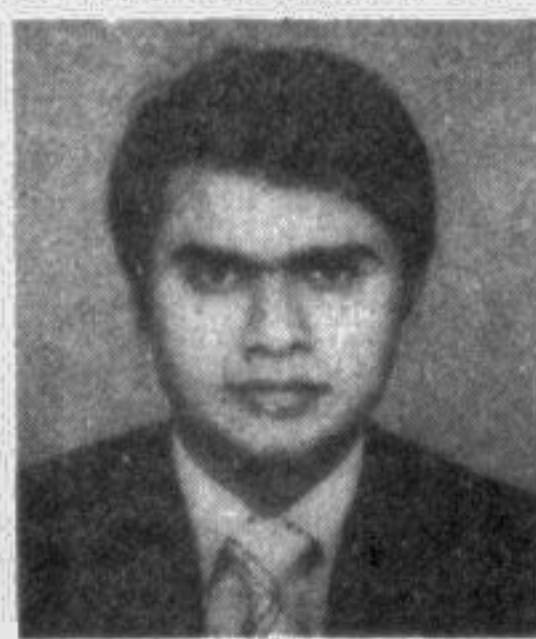
Many Rotarians from other clubs phoned and offered help in the true spirit of Rotary. We would remember them with gratitude.

There would be many lapses during the course of the conference, for which please forgive us. Let us together make the CONFERENCE OF HARMONY a success.

Yours in Rotary
A. K. M. Shamsuddin
Conference Chairman.

Message from the Host Club President and Conference Chief Co-Ordinator

Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka has been bestowed the responsibility of hosting the first conference of the re-named District 3280 the "Conference of Harmony." The club also had the honour to host the first district conference of District 328 in '85.



This year's conference is specially significant when Rotary International is pursuing new dimension of service and fellowship around the world under the leadership of R. I. President Rajendra K. Saboo, a man of vision from our own sub-continent. In the era of New World Order, Rotary is committed to "Look beyond themselves" by promoting new order of service through Functional Literacy. The conference is equally significant since all 79 clubs are participating with more than

1200 participants, which is unprecedented in Bangladesh Rotary.

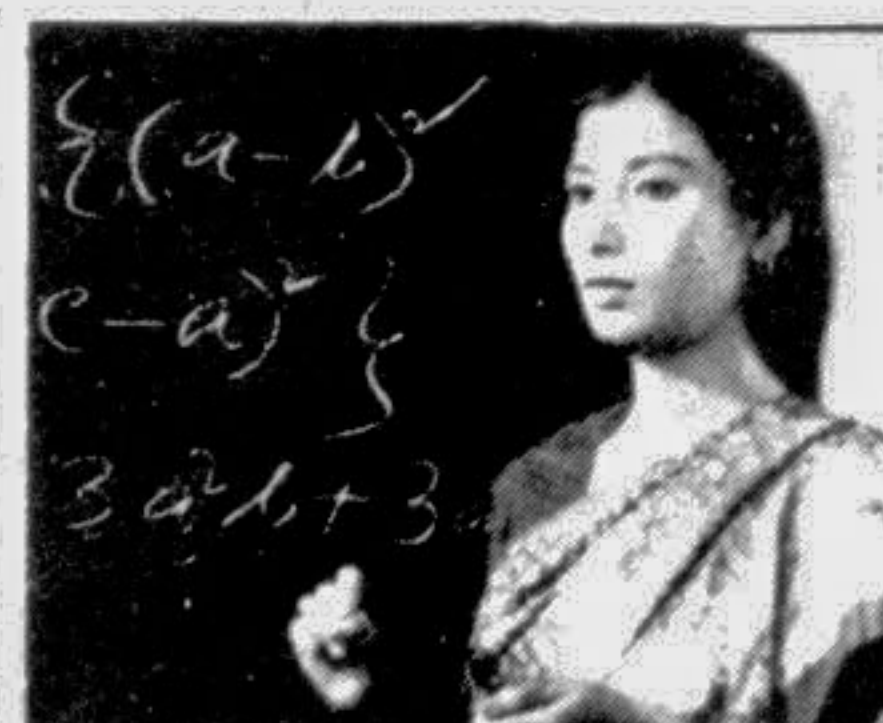
I am grateful to District Governor Rtn. Jalal U. Ahmed for entrusting our club and me with the responsibility of hosting the Conference of Harmony. It is indeed a rare privilege. We hope, we could preserve District Governor's trust on us by employing every means to make the conference a success.

I would also like to record my sincere appreciation to Conference Chairman Rtn. PP. A. K. M. Shamsuddin and Conference Secretary Rtn. PP. Fazle Rabbi whose relentless effort has made holding of this conference possible. I also offer my thanks to Chairmen of conference committees, President and Members of other clubs, Members of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka and District officials for their earnest support and co-operation.

At the end I would tender my sincere apology if there has been any lapse on our part or if we could not come up to the expectations of the participants with adequate conference facilities and services.

Cordially
Kazi Kamal Uddin Ekram

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