

Cooperation with Canada for development of medical edn stressed

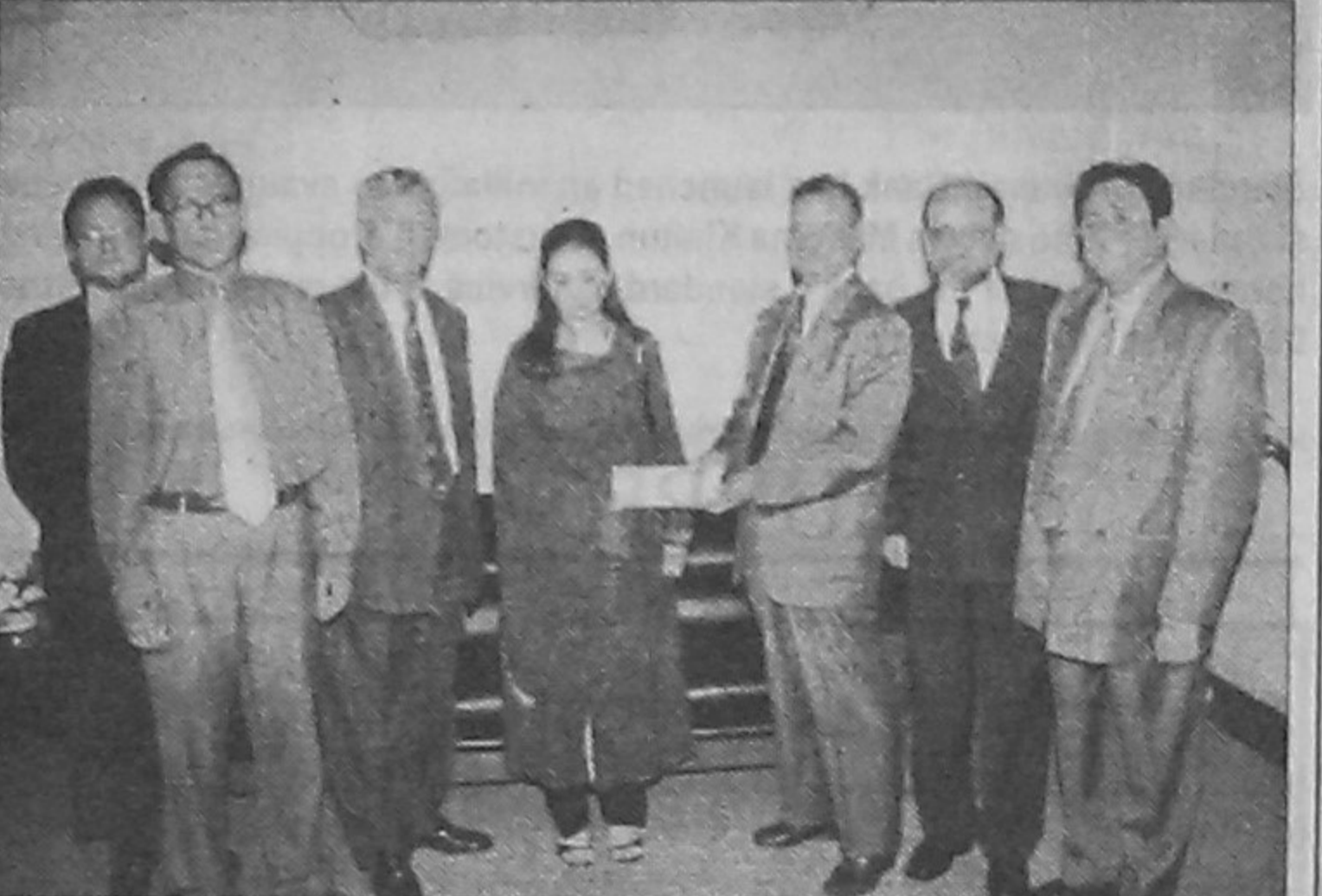
UNB, Dhaka
President AQM Radrudza Chowdhury has stressed the need for globalisation of knowledge on medical science, saying that it would help the people live a better life.
"Medicine has no boundary and that the flow of knowledge should be a two-way traffic," the President said in a discussion on

"Bangladesh-Canada Partnership in Medical Education" held at Banghaban yesterday.
Principals, professors and senior physicians representing government and non-government medical colleges and institutions attended the discussion chaired by President B Chowdhury, also a renowned physician.
Prof Jeffrey Turnbull, Chair-

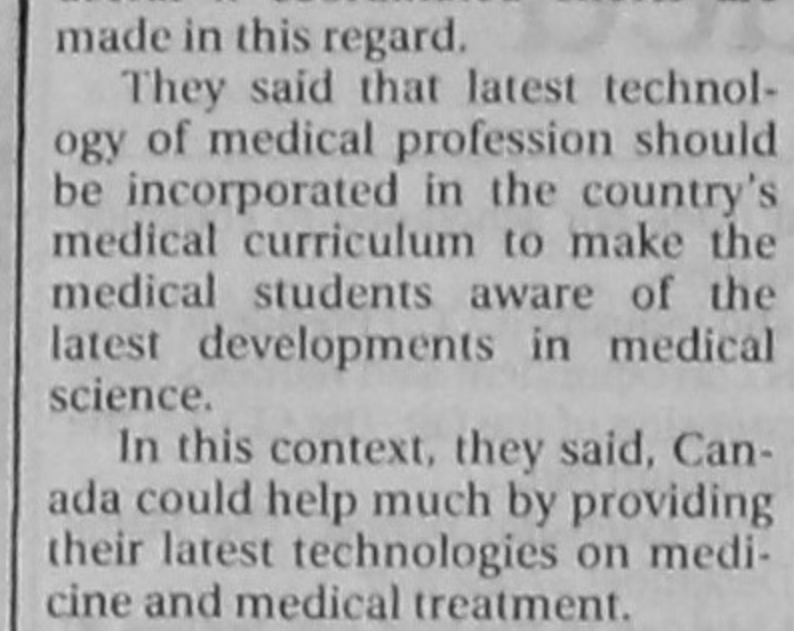
man, Department of Medicine of the University of Ottawa, Dr Tiina Podymow, Medical Director, Ottawa Inner City Health Project and Dr Miah Abbasuddin, convener of Coastal Development Board, took part in the discussion.
The participants expressed their views that close cooperation between Bangladesh and Canada for the development of Medical Education in Bangladesh could be useful if coordinated efforts are made in this regard.
They said that latest technology of medical profession should be incorporated in the country's medical curriculum to make the medical students aware of the latest developments in medical science.
In this context, they said, Canada could help much by providing their latest technologies on medicine and medical treatment.



State Minister for Commerce Barkatullah Bulu visited Otobi pavilion on the opening day of the month-long Dhaka International Trade Fair at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on Saturday. During his visit, Zubair Ahmed, General Manager (Marketing), and other officials of Otobi were present.



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Shaheed Asad Day today

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'Shaheed Asad Day' will be observed in the country today to commemorate the death anniversary of Adaduzzaman Asad who was killed in police firing during the mass upsurge of 1969.
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in a message yesterday paid homage to the memory of Shaheed Asad.
The Prime Minister said, "We had to launch a movement again to materialise the dream of Asad for building a democratic society free from exploitation."
"The present government is

working for fulfilling the dreams of the martyrs as it believes that democracy is not effective without peace and stability and people's economic emancipation," said the PM.
Different socio-political organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the death anniversary of Shaheed Asad.
Workers Party of Bangladesh will place wreaths at the grave of Shaheed Asad at Shibpur in Narsingdi.

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Two books on Zia launched

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia unveiled the covers of two books on the life and works of late President Ziaur Rahman at her office yesterday.
The books are 'Muktijuddho-Bangladesh Ziaur Rahman' compiled and edited by Iqbal Hossain Sanu, and 'Nirbachito Bhashan' (selected speeches) of Ziaur Rahman, compiled by SM Bipash.
The two books were formally launched yesterday to mark the 66th birth anniversary of late President Ziaur Rahman.
Unveiling the covers, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said the more the new generation will learn about the works and life of Zia, the more they will be inspired with patriotism and contribute to nation-building process following his ideals.
The editor, compilers and publishers of the books were present on the occasion.



Death anniversary of Alamgir Kabir today

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Today is the 13th death anniversary of Alamgir Kabir, a renowned filmmaker.
He and actress Tina drowned in Jamuna river in a ferry accident off Nagbari bank on this day in 1989.
A freedom fighter, Alamgir Kabir was the founder of Dhaka Film Institute and Dhaka Cine Club. He was also a producer at the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during the Liberation War.
Some of the famous films he directed are 'Dhire Bahe Meghna', 'Surja Kanya', 'Simana Perley', and 'Rupai Saikare'.

DHAKA TODAY

Film Festival
The inaugural ceremony of the 7th Dhaka International Film Festival will be held. Former Chief Advisor of the caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman will inaugurate the festival. Information Secretary Syed Murgub Murshed will attend the function as special guest. Venue: Shaikat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Library, Shahbag. Time: 4.00pm.

Poetry reading session
A poetry reading session organised by the British Council will be held. Scottish-Indian poet Bashabi Fraser will read poems with school and NGO children. Venue: British Council Centre, Time: 6.00pm.

Painting exhibition
The Russian Cultural Centre organises a painting exhibition of Polakov Vasily and Persidsky Konstantin to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Russia and Bangladesh. State Minister for Youth and Sports Md. Fazur Rahman Patal will inaugurate the show. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Photography exhibition
The Photography Club of North South University organises a week-long Inter-University Photography Exhibition in aid of the acid victims. State Minister for Finance and Planning Anwarul Kabir Talukder will inaugurate the show. Venue: DnK Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00am.

Discussion
Zia Samaj holds a discussion meeting on the occasion of the 66th birth anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. Venue: 56/57 Mirford Road, Armanitola. Time: 3.00pm.

Workshop
The Department of Architecture, BRAC University will organise a workshop on 'Recent Developments in Design with Digital Media'. Prof. M. Saleh Uddin

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature
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Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country till 6 pm today.
Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said.
Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Hatia and the lowest of 12.5 degree at Sirimangal.
The sun sets in the capital at 5.36 pm today and rises at 6:43 am tomorrow.
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	28.1	18.4	85	61
Chittagong	28.3	17.0	97	83
Rajshahi	28.0	15.0	96	76
Khulna	28.5	15.1	98	70
Barisal	27.4	15.0	100	80
Sylhet	27.5	16.7	100	81
Cox's Bazar	27.5	17.5	98	82

STOCK

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES JANUARY 19, 2002										
Company	FV/ML (Tk.)	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance		
		Price	Turnover	Share	Price	Turnover	Share	Last AGM	EPS	DPS
BANK										
AB Bank Ltd.	100.5	261.25	0.57	261.75	5710	275.00	Not Traded	22/07/01	38.7	18.0
City Bank Ltd.	100.5	308.00	-0.22	315.00	40	120.00	Not Traded	20/12/01	41.6	—
IFC Bank Ltd.	100.5	236.25	-0.22	237.00	4545	272.00	Not Traded	05/12/01	47.0	20.0
Islami Bank BD Ltd.	1000.1	2916.00	-0.24	2923.00	40	2889.00	-0.74	290.50	9	20.0
National Bank Ltd.	100.20	271.00	0.37	270.00	5660	273.00	1.20	269.75	1540	23.06/01
Pubali Bank Ltd.	100.85	370.00	3.50	357.50	12860	220.00	Not Traded	10/11/01	161	—
Rupali Bank Ltd.	100.10	97.25	0.26	97.00	1180	80.00	Not Traded	12/05/01	24	—
UCBL	100.05	221.00	-4.74	222.00	1007	212.00	-0.85	234.00	385	15/09/99
Utrara Bank Ltd.	100.05	545.00	7.07	509.00	660	—	Not Listed	01/11/01	225	—
AI Baraka Bank Ltd.	100.01	260.00	-2.70	1295.00	1	—	Not Listed	24/06/01	221	—
IDLC Ltd.	100.20	480.00	2.07	470.00	10	485.00	Not Traded	22/05/01	46.7	30.0
Eastern Bank Ltd.	100.20	309.25	-0.24	310.00	900	—	Not Listed	03/11/01	34.0	30.0
Utrara Finance and Invs.	100.50	385.50	0.28	264.75	250	273.00	Not Traded	29/05/01	28.3	20.0
AI Anar Islami Bank	100.05	116.75	-1.96	118.80	230	1183.20	-2.99	1220.00	20	22/12/01
Prime Bank Ltd.	100.50	396.00	0.32	394.75	2390	396.50	-0.63	399.00	906	07/04/01
Southeast Bank Ltd.	100.50	307.75	0.74	305.50	9550	302.50	0.90	305.50	3200	08/08/01
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	100.50	430.00	-0.86	431.00	900	455.00	Not Traded	26/05/01	57.00	25.0
N C C Bank Ltd.	100.50	242.00	0.41	247.00	9550	240.50	1.05	238.00	4850	20/05/01
Social Investment Bank	100.05	2350.00	1.29	2320.00	45	—	Not Listed	—	142	—
Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.	100.50	415.50	1.53	409.25	1350	510.00	Not Traded	—	14.8	—
INVESTMENT										
ICI Mutual Fund	100.05	580.00	1.40	1479.25	20	1181.25	Not Traded	—	311/01/01	169
ICB Mutual Fund	100.10	182.25	1.66	157.00	350	150.00	Not Traded	—	31/11/01	178
BIS Mutual Fund	100.50	99.75	0.62	80.25	550	84.50	Not Traded	—	25/12/01	152
AIMS First	12500.0	8.85	-2.30	8.07	495000	0.85	-3.41	0.88	190000	01/11/01
ENGINEERING										
Alfab Automobiles Ltd.	100.05	221.25	3.27	214.25	4390	212.00	0.46	216.00	255	26/12/01
Aazi Pipes Ltd.	100.05	168.75	2.58	164.50	8005	167.25	Not Traded	—	31/05/01	735
Olympic Industries Ltd.	100.50	105.00	0.24	104.75	1405	132.00	8.20	122.00	5	09/10/00
Bangladesh Lamp Ltd.	100.05	300.00	0.32	304.75	2000	175.00	Not Traded	—	12/09/01	226
Eastern Cables Ltd.	100.05	140.00	0.18	139.25	4030	140.00	Not Traded	—	08/08/01	172
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	100.05	990.00	-0.70	997.00	200	996.00	-2.97	1026.50	—	28/05/01
Atlas Bangladesh Ltd.	10.50	134.00	0.75	133.00	50	—	Not Listed	—	27/12/01	21.0
Quasem Drycell Ltd.	100.50	178.00	0.56	177.00	6700	178.00	-1.11	18.00	2600	24/12/01
Renwick Juteexport Ltd.	100.50	24.75	-3.88	25.75	20	—	Not Listed	—	27/12/01	-24
National Tubes Ltd.	100.10	578.00	0.70	574.00	210	—	Not Listed	—	31/03/01	85.2
BD Tha Aluminium Ltd.	100.05	182.00	0.52	181.00	10	185.00	5.11	176.00	20	27/09/01
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	100.50	146.00	0.52	145.25	300	175.00	Not Traded	—	08/08/01	93.1
Key & Que (BD) Ltd.	100.50	157.00	-0.82	152.25	400	150.00	Not Traded	—	20/06/01	93.1
Wonder Land Toys Ltd.	100.50	35.25	Not Traded	—	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	50	26/12/01
Rangpur Foundry Ltd.	10.50	19.40	0.52	19.30	13500	20.10	Not Traded	—	02/08/01	1.87
FOOD & ALLIED										
Apec Foods Ltd.	100.05	252.00	-0.79	254.00	25	258.00	Not Traded	—	22/12/01	165
Bangas	100.05	180.00	0.55	181.00	295	280.00	Not Traded	—	16/12/01	13
BATBEL	10.50	72.20	1.77	73.50	2900	72.50	-0.68	73.00	20000	24/12/01
Zed Bangla Sugar Mills	10.50	5.40	1.89	5.30	700	—	Not Listed	—	08/11/01	4.3
Chittagong Vegetable	100.10	36.00	-2.70	37.00	90	39.00	Not Traded	—	15/12/01	-3.1
Besimco Fisheries Ltd.	100.20	37.50	-1.32	38.00	2520	20.96	-14.84	45.50	300	20/06/01
Bengal Brocuits Ltd.	100.20	53.00	0.47	53.25	740	53.00	1.92	52.00	400	27/05/01
Meghna Shrimp	100.20	85.00	-3.13	87.75	3640	91.50	Not Traded	—	26/12/01	15.2
Rangpur Ice (bd) Ltd.	100.05	5.60	1.62	5.50	4500	5.60	0.00	5.60	2500	24/12/01
AMCL (Pvt) Ltd.	100.10	343.75	0.29	342.50	300	350.00	Not Traded	—	26/09/01	-14
Shampur Sugar Mills	10.10	3.60	2.86	3.50	300	—	Not Listed	—	30/12/01	7.90
Gulf Foods Ltd.	100.50	87.50	-2.23	89.50	8100	88.50	-1.67	90.00	50	30/12/01
Mona Food Int. Ltd.	100.50	31.50	-5.22	33.50	800	32.75	Not Traded	—	26/12/01	3.16
Gachibashi Aqua.	100.50	27.00	1.89	26.50	50	29.50	Not Traded	—	24/12/01	-6.1
Sandhi Seafood	10.50	6.70	0.09	6.70	5000	—	Not Listed	—	24/12/01	0.93
Farwing Food Ltd.	100.50	8.50	-2.22	9.00	102000	8.00	-1.11	9.00	129000	24/12/01
Meghna PET Industries	100.20	8.50	1.59	8.30	2500	6.60	Not Traded	—	26/09/01	-14
Rangamati Food	10.50	6.00	1.59	6.30	2500	—	Not Listed	—	30/12/01	3.16
German Bangla Food	10.50	8.20	-1.40	8.30	52500	8.30	-1.19	8.40	18500	—
Meghna Condensed Milk	10.50	8.30	-4.60	8.70	208500	—	Not Listed	—	—	—
Bangladesh Hatchery Ltd.	10.50	10.80	0.00	10.80	27500	10.70	-0.93	10.80	60000	—
FUEL & POWER										
BOC (BD) Ltd.	100.05	83.00	-1.29	85.00	1537	85.00	Not Traded	—	17/02/01	13.3
Padma Oil Co. Ltd.	10.50	180.00	0.70	180.00	100	180.00	Not Traded	—	01/03/01	21.5
National Oxygen Ltd.	100.10	20.00	-2.44	20.50	100	73.00	Not Traded	—	30/06/97	