

any foreign hospital. "We do not want to go into something half-heartedly. If we start something, we will start it properly, taking into account all of the complications that can arise and its proper backup services," continues Siraj. Operation on a full scale is not possible at the moment, as paediatric cardiac surgery is different from adult cardiac surgery. In case of the former, paediatric cardiologists have to be present in the picture. ICHRI has consulted with a cardiologist who will be joining the doctors at ICHRI and there are some special instruments that will be needed which are also being arranged.

In the field of adult cardiology, ICHRI is successfully performing all forms of surgical procedures that are available abroad. "We are fully equipped with the necessary instruments for all adult treatments," comments Siraj. Other hospitals claim to have the lowest prices compared to services but according to Siraj ICHRI has much lower rates. "We provide the complete package. The cost of a bypass surgery is Tk.130,000 whereas in other hospitals the cost is Tk.170,000," continues Siraj. Only the National Heart Foundation (NHF) has such a package at a lower cost.

Since ICHRI is under the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, publicity is not a

The people are benefited in many ways. Patients are saved from the strain and financial burden of going abroad and also have the benefit of being treated in their own country where they can communicate eas-



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