The DUAA Complex

A matter of Pride for DU and its Alumni

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THERE are many issues on which the current and ex-students of a university take pride in: events, memories, occasions, friends, classmates, teachers, classes, and what not! Places where one attended one's very first class, libraries, hang-out places, food courts and playgrounds keep haunting one's mind. As an alumnus of Dhaka University, I feel for my University in the same way, and I always cherish the memories I had there during my student life.

After joining the Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA) as its life member I found another topic to enrich my pride. It is the present DUAA Complex, now popularly known as "Alumni Floor" on the campus. About 16,000 SFT vacant space was allotted in 2005 by the University Administration to DUAA on the ground floor of the newly constructed 'Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban' for the construction of this complex with its own resources. Facilities comprise a large conference room with modern multimedia facility, a members' lounge, prayer rooms for men and women, a multi-functional lounge, a library and a cyber café consisting of twenty-five personal computers. The cyber cafe is also intended to impart free computer learning to university officials and staff so that in return they could contribute effectively and efficiently. Besides, the café facilities would be made available to all alumni members and their families.

The rooms of this exceptionally decorated and tastefully furnished complex has been named after the flowers in Bangla: *Shapla* for the conference room, *Rajanigandha* for the members' lounge, *Kanakchapa* for the president's room, *Dolonchapa* for the secretariat corner, *Mallika* for the research and training room, *Shiuli* for the gym corner, *Hasna-hena* for the multi-functional lounge, *Surjo-mukhi*

