DMC Celebrates Sixty-Three Glorious Years

Prof. Quazi Deen Mohammad shares his views with Star Campus

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10 July 2009 marked the sixty-third foundation anniversary of the prestigious Dhaka Medical College (DMC). On this momentous occasion, Star Campus interviewed Professor Quazi Deen Mohammad, the current principal of the country's pioneer academic institute of medical science.

Elaborate arrangements have been undertaken to celebrate the foundation anniversary of DMC, comprising of a daylong celebration and the laying of the foundation of a new academic building. Prof. Deen Mohammad reflects that the original infrastructure of DMC is now more than fifty years old, and had been developed when the number of total students was 400-500. The foundation of a new academic building had become essential now that this institution has grown much larger with over 2000 graduate and post-graduate students. The daylong celebration on 10 July witnessed the get-together of a huge number of doctors from all over the country and abroad. It was an affair of magnanimous proportions, considering the fact that more than twelve thousand doctors have graduated from DMC over the years.

During the last sixty-three years, DMC has become intricately linked with the history of Bangladesh itself. Prof. Deen Mohammad reminisced about the crucial role played by the students and teachers of DMC during the language movement, the liberation war and other historic national movements. The contribution of DMC in the educational and health sectors of the country has undeniably been one of the building blocks of this country. Many of the country's top-notch physicians, researchers and teachers have received their education at DMC. It remains a coveted institute among the brightest and the most meritorious students of Bangladesh. Its fame has now crossed borders, and DMC now receives students from USA, UK, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Malaysia and many other countries.

Prof. Deen Mohammad envisages that DMC will build upon its current international reputation to become a regional center of excellence within 5-10 years. In the meantime, it will continue to strive to achieve the millennium development goals of Bangladesh by increasing and preserving the coverage of national healthcare service.

