

Prof Rehman Sobhan honoured

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Dhaka Club has conferred 'Lifetime Achievement Award' on its member eminent economist Prof Rehman Sobhan in recognition of his immense contribution to the field of economics.

The club also honoured 17 senior members with the 'Club Legend' award, who have made significant contribution to enriching the club's traditions for over three decades.

The Club Legend award was also given to Geetara Safiya Choudhury, former adviser to the caretaker government, for being the first woman member of the club and first woman president of a predominantly male social club.

The club gave away the awards to the distinguished members at a special ceremony marking the 98th founding anniversary of the club on its premises on Tuesday.

Other award recipients are Jamil Chowdhury, Anwarul Huq, Habibus Samad, Mobarak Ali, MA Qasem, Abdus Sattar, M Yameen, Anwarul Kabir, AS Fasihur Rahman, Abdul Muntaqim Choudhury, Anwarul Amin, Abu Zafar Humayun, KZ Islam, Abdul Kuddus, Adil Husain, Asadul Huq and Abdul Jalil Mian.

Post and Telecommunications Minister Raziuddin Ahmed Raju was present as the chief guest and Oddver Hesjedal, chief executive officer of Grameenphone, as special guest.

Dhaka Club President Sadat Hossain Salim welcomed the guest on behalf of the club.

The programme was followed by a musical soiree.

Grameenphone sponsored the award giving ceremony while United Commercial Bank Ltd was the title sponsor of the weeklong founding anniversary programmes. NCC Bank, Aktel, Citibank NA, Rupayan Group, Gemcon Group and Akij Food and Beverage supported the programmes as co-sponsors.



Post and Telecommunications Minister Raziuddin Ahmed Raju gives away the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' to eminent economist Prof Rehman Sobhan at the 98th founding anniversary programme of the Dhaka Club on its premises on Tuesday while club President Sadat Hossain Salim looks on.

Govt plans training of nurses, workers for overseas jobs

PM tells ILO official

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday emphasised arranging joint training programmes by Bangladesh and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for skill development of nurses, and garment and renewable energy workers.

She was talking to Regional Director for Asia and Pacific of the ILO Sachiko Yamamoto when the latter met her at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

"International organisations like ILO can help us in diversifying market opportunities, skill upgrading and retraining of workers," Hasina said.

The ILO official also expressed their interest in providing training to

Bangladeshi workers, specially women workers.

Hasina told the ILO official that the government has plans to provide profession and language-based training to the workers, including the nurses, before sending them abroad.

Besides, the workers will also be trained up about the laws, rules and regulations of their respective country where they intend to go for jobs.

Yamamoto said the Awami League's election manifesto will guide the government properly in creating a social safety net, including ensuring maximum facilities for the workers.

Mentioning the Prime Minister's video message delivered at last June's ILO

Conference, Yamamoto said her speech was highly praised by the world leaders present at the meet.

The ILO official praised the government's move to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord.

Hasina said the government is implementing the peace accord to uphold political, social, cultural and economic rights of all the people living in the CHT region.

She said the government aims at promoting and protecting the fundamental rights of every citizen, particularly the rights of the workers and vulnerable groups.

She told the ILO official that the government has established the National Human Rights Commission.

Call to conduct research on genocide

DU CORRESPONDENT

Research should be conducted on the genocide during the Liberation War in 1971 to facilitate the trial of war criminals, speakers at a book launching ceremony said yesterday.

The book titled 'Historicizing 1971 Genocide: State versus Person' by Prof Imtiaz Ahmed was launched at the ceremony at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban on DU campus in the morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Imtiaz stressed the need to establish a centre for genocide studies at Dhaka University to help researchers conduct their works.

University Press Limited published the book.

Painful experiences of 15 members of the families who lost their near and dear

ones in the genocide that took place on the Dhaka University campus on March 25 and December 15 have been narrated in this book.

Speaking as the chief guest, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Harun-or-Rashid said an initiative would be taken to set up a genocide studies centre at the university.

The war criminals who carried out the genocide must be punished, he said, adding that the demand for the trial of war criminals has become a demand of 15 crore people of the country.

Four members of families of martyrs spoke of their painful experiences during the genocide.

Akku Chowdhury, a trustee member of the Liberation War Museum, foreign secretary Mijarul Quayes and Prof Amina Muhsin also spoke at the function.

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