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50 YEARS SAVING LIVES



1960-2010: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO BANGLADESH AND THE WORLD



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Message

I am delighted to learn that the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) is going to observe its 50 years of celebration. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my sincere felicitations to all researchers, staff and management of ICDDR,B.

It gives me immense pleasure to know that 'ICDDR,B', a leading international health research institution, has been playing pivotal role in the field of scientific research of health-care since its inception in Bangladesh. I appreciate its research activities to identify, understand and find solution with a view to addressing the life-threatening diseases. I believe apart from ICDDR,B's hospitals in Dhaka and Matlab, Chandpur, the authority of ICDDR,B would extend their humanitarian services to other parts of Bangladesh particularly rural areas for the sake of common people.

I wish the 50 years celebration of 'ICDDR,B' a great success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Rahman
 Md. Zillur Rahman

ICDDR,B: 50 Years of Saving Lives (1960 - 2010)

Vision

Healthier people - Better lives through evidence-based solutions

Mission

We will help solve significant public health challenges facing the people of Bangladesh and beyond, especially the most vulnerable, through the generation of knowledge and its translation into policy and practice.

The International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) is a health research organisation located in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Established in 1960 as the Pak-SEATO Cholera Research Laboratory, the Centre was re-established as ICDDR,B by Ordinance No. LI, in 1978 of the Government of Bangladesh. ICDDR,B has two key objectives to improve the health of the people of Bangladesh and to train people in research and services. This commitment has led to the discovery and implementation of Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT), which is a simple mixture of water with salt and sugar that has been praised as the most important medical discovery of the Twentieth Century.

During 2010, ICDDR,B is celebrating 50 years as an international research and training centre. Over the years it has transitioned from an organization focused mainly on diarrhoeal diseases to one with a much broader public health agenda, addressing the main challenges facing people in Bangladesh, especially the most vulnerable, as well as those living in other developing parts of the world.

To commemorate this 50th anniversary, the Honorable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina, will be presiding over a special ceremony today in recognition of the contributions of ICDDR,B. A special stamp issued for the occasion will be launched at this ceremony.

ICDDR,B has received two prestigious awards the Maurice Pate Award from UNICEF and USAID Science and Technology Award for Development Award. ICDDR,B was also the first recipient of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Award for Global Health. For thirty of its fifty years, ICDDR,B has been a WHO Collaborative Centre for Research and Training in Diarrhoeal Diseases. More recently, the Government of the United States, through its Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has designated ICDDR,B as an Emerging Infections Diseases Centre in recognition of its work on other communicable diseases of global importance.

Researchers from ICDDR,B have been deployed to different parts of the world to help with severe outbreaks of cholera and other enteric diseases. The most recent one was to Zimbabwe in 2009 to help with the management of the massive cholera outbreak in that country. With a new strategic plan in place for the next ten years and a new structure of its personnel and different areas of research and service ICDDR,B is ready to confront the new challenges of the 21st Century. Without decreasing its work on communicable diseases, especially diarrhea, the Centre is now looking into the problems of emerging diseases like influenza and problems of climate change, urbanization and chronic diseases as the main challenges facing the people of Bangladesh now and in the near future. Working in close collaboration with other institutions nationally and internationally, and especially with the Government of Bangladesh, ICDDR,B hope to continue to thrive and produce valuable knowledge that can be translated into policies and practices that can benefit the people of Bangladesh and beyond.

Dr Alejandro Cravioto
 Executive Director



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Message

I congratulate the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease, Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) for its significant achievements in the field of scientific health research on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of establishment.

ICDDR,B has been a long standing partner of the government of Bangladesh. Through the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare it has been providing invaluable support towards the capacity building of the national health sector, especially in diarrhoea management during epidemics.

Every year ICDDR,B provides free treatment to thousands of patients suffering from diarrhoea through its hospitals in Matlab and Dhaka.

I am happy that Bangladesh is hosting such a unique scientific research institute that has given the world the miraculous Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS).

ICDDR,B, I hope, will continue its scientific research work and humanitarian services for the benefit of the people of Bangladesh.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
 May Bangladesh Live Forever
Sheikh Hasina



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ
সরকার
 Minister, Ministry of Finance
 Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

On the occasion for the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Board of Trustees and staff of ICDDR,B for a remarkable list of achievements spanning fifty years.

I have known the institution when it began as SEATO Cholera Research Laboratory. This was transformed into an International Institute in 1978. It was matter of personal pleasure to be associated with the birth pangs of this institution which has now grown into a centre of excellence.

ICDDR,B is a very important asset for Bangladesh as its research outputs have greatly benefited not only the people of this country but also introduced and popularized the revolutionary process of oral rehydration therapy all over the world. ICDDR,B has been a constant partner of the Government of Bangladesh in providing valuable inputs that have shaped various health policies over the years.

It is very encouraging to see that as a non-profit organization, ICDDR,B continues to maintain the highest standards expected of any international research institution. I am very happy to see today that ICDDR,B has come a long way since it was first housed in the building of the Institute of Public Health to have its own campus with a full-fledged hospital and its own eight storey building with the assistance of the Government of Bangladesh.

Abul Maal A. Muhith
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সরকার
 Minister
 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
 Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I am delighted to see that the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) is going to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. ICDDR,B is a unique world class scientific research institution located in a developing country. Over the past fifty years the presence of ICDDR,B in Bangladesh has benefited the people of this country immensely through the research undertaken into a vast array of public health problems.

For many years the Government of Bangladesh and ICDDR,B have successfully worked together for the control and clinical management of diarrhoea outbreaks throughout the country, especially during the epidemic seasons. ICDDR,B has also trained many health personnel throughout the country in the management of diarrhoeal diseases and has enabled the national health professionals to staff the district diarrhoeal disease control units with specially trained Medical Officers.

I would like to see that ICDDR,B would continue to provide and share its expertise in the field of public health for the greater benefit of the people of Bangladesh. I wish ICDDR,B all the success in its future endeavours.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu.
 Long live Bangladesh.

Dr. A. F. M. Ruhul Haque
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সরকার
 Adviser to the Prime Minister
 Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I would like to congratulate the staff and Board of Trustees of ICDDR,B on this unique occasion to celebrate fifty years of hard work and humanitarian services. ICDDR,B's scientists and researchers have made major contributions to the health sector of Bangladesh.

Through its research outputs and capacity building activities ICDDR,B has made a big impact on the developments in this country over the last few decades. We have seen a significant decline in infant and child mortality, mainly due to increased control and prevention of diseases. Good use of ORS has greatly reduced childhood mortality and morbidity.

ICDDR,B has also made significant contributions in the better understanding in disease prevention and control and childhood communicable diseases, new and old infectious diseases, such as malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS. I hope that in the years to come ICDDR,B will continue to work closely with the Government of Bangladesh to eradicate childhood diseases, malnutrition, maternal mortality and many other such challenges.

Prof (Dr) Syed Modasser Ali



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ
সরকার
 Secretary
 Economic Relations Division
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 Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I congratulate the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) on its golden jubilee. Although international in name and nature, ICDDR,B is very much a national institution and a valuable resource for the Government and the people of Bangladesh.

The Government of Bangladesh considers ICDDR,B a very important development partner as the Centre's outputs in terms of research and service-oriented activities add values to the performance of the country's health sector as well as contribute significantly to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) related to health, population and nutrition.

As a Trustee of the Centre and as Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh, I share the joy of all members of the ICDDR,B family on this great occasion.

(M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan)
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Message

I am very glad to know that, ICDDR,B is celebrating its 50 years (1960-2010) as a leading international health research institution, operating in Bangladesh. As the Secretary for Health and Family Welfare, as well as a member of the ICDDR,B Board of Trustees, it is indeed a proud occasion for me that the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Over the years ICDDR,B has been very supportive to the Government of Bangladesh in sharing its expert knowledge in addressing how health services are organized and managed so that all people have access to quality, safe and continuous health care. The collaboration between Government of Bangladesh and ICDDR,B has contributed in the development of several effective interventions programme at the national level. ICDDR,B has been a major partner of our national development agenda, as one of the key players in implementing the Government's Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPPSP) to address the health needs of the poor, particularly women and children.

I wish ICDDR,B success and hope it continues with its valuable contributions to the health sector of Bangladesh.

(Shaikh Altaf Ali)
 (Shaikh Altaf Ali)



Executive Director
 International Centre for
 Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B)

Message

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), I would like to thank the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for hosting this institution and for supporting ICDDR,B to excel in the work it has set out to do over the past decades in the benefit of the people of this country and the world.

Having pioneered the treatment of diarrheal diseases in the 1960s by undertaking groundbreaking research, ICDDR,B gave the world Oral Rehydration Therapy. Over the past 50 years scientists of ICDDR,B have utilized their expertise and resources to undertake research to find solutions to other prevalent problems that affect the health of people living in developing countries such as Bangladesh.

ICDDR,B's mission is to help solve significant public health challenges facing the people of Bangladesh and beyond, especially the most vulnerable, through the generation of knowledge and its translation into policy and practice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the development agencies of Australia, Canada, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Sweden, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom for their core support to ICDDR,B and to the large number of private and official funding agencies and our national and international collaborators for their constant support over these five decades.

Dr. Alejandro Cravioto
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Chair - Board of Trustees, ICDDR,B and
 Head of the Swiss Centre for International Health.
 Deputy Director, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

Message

As a former member and recently appointed Chair of ICDDR,B's Board of Trustees, I am extremely proud that this institution has entered into its fiftieth year of existence. ICDDR,B has evolved much over time. The initial diarrhea focus has moved into chronic diseases, and health systems, infectious and non-infectious diseases, environmental health and climate change - thus contributing to the Bangladesh Government's endeavors in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Over the years our donors have been our most crucial strength and support. As the Chair of ICDDR,B's Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for its sincerest support and assistance to ICDDR,B covering a period of almost forty years. I would also like to thank ICDDR,B's numerous donors worldwide for their contributions to sustain and maintain the research activities at ICDDR,B.

I would like to see this institutional asset be further nurtured so that we are well prepared to face the global health challenges that may come up in the next 50 years.

Nicolaus Lorenz
 Nicolaus Lorenz, executive MBA, MPH, MD