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“Who are we hiding from if it isn’t ourselves?”

--Anthony T. Hincks

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### A demand for more medical colleges, healthcare facilities

The government is committed to providing healthcare facilities to people in both rural and urban areas. But it has become difficult as the doctors are not willing to serve in healthcare centres located in rural areas. This problem has been persisting for a long time. The problem cannot be addressed properly as we do not have qualified physicians. It is therefore necessary to set up public medical colleges at district level to address this problem.

The districts adjacent to Dhaka are densely populated and medical facilities in those areas needs further improvement and expansion. Narsingdi, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Manikganj and Gazipur, near Dhaka, would be appropriate locations for five full-fledged public medical colleges. It will undoubtedly improve the standard of healthcare services for the people of these districts and adjoining areas.

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### CLIMATE CHANGE: Our future is in jeopardy

According to the recent UN report, global temperatures could rise by 1.5-degree celsius by as early as 2030 if the world continues to grow at its current pace. The report is not a wakeup call, rather it is a ticking time bomb.

One of the prime reasons behind global warming is the emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, the main greenhouse gas blamed for climate change.

The potential effects of climate change include more frequent wildfires, longer periods of drought in some regions and increase in duration and intensity of storms.

Rising sea levels will mean most of the coastal areas around the world is wiped out. Countries, such as ours are especially vulnerable. To avoid this impending doom, work must continue to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and importance needs to be given on developing renewable energy. For this, world leaders have to reach a consensus. Or else, we will fail our planet and future generations.

Mohib Billah Baschu, Dhaka

### Tourism, a crucial sector for Bangladesh

Tourism is essentially travelling for recreation, family, business or other purposes, usually for a limited duration. And these days, it is one of the major sources of income for many countries. It can be a very important sector for a country such as ours. Increase in economic growth, disposable income, leisure time, political stability and aggressive tourism campaigns, have shown to have significantly boosted tourism in many countries.

The tourism industry in Bangladesh is not faring so well. It is important to identify the issues and challenges in developing tourism in Bangladesh. On a policy level we should think forward. Factors like convenient transport, no restrictions on travel, availability of information on various tourist spots and new marketing techniques can contribute in boosting the sector. The National Tourism Policy, should be reevaluated, taking appropriate measures to offer incentives to both local and foreign investors. The government of Bangladesh should also place emphasis in its policy on the development of tourist spots all over Bangladesh.

Zubair Khaled Huq, Dhaka

