

Report on Scholarship Distribution Held at Murtuza Institute, Syedpur on 15th March 2015

Al-Falah Bangladesh, under its project, Education Development Program (EDP) has



distributed sponsorship among the selected students who lives in different camps of Syedpur under Nilphamari district on 15.03.2015. Shamsul Haque Foundation, local partner of

Al-Falah Bangladesh organized the program.

Al-Falah Bangladesh provides scholarship for education on the concept of help yourself. The purpose of the sponsorship is to encourage the poor, meritorious and talented students of the camp based Urdu-speaking community to attend and acquire higher education. At the same time Al-Falah motivates them to help their own community by giving voluntary service to improve its social status in the society. A total of 73 (51 girls + 22 boys) selected students were provided scholarship. The details are as follows:

Class VI	31 (22 girls & 9 boys)
Class VII	4 (1 girl & 3 boys)
Class VIII	3 (3 boys)
Class IX	15 (10 girls & 5 boys)
Class X	2 (2 girls)
SSC Candidates	5 (4 girls & 1 boy)
HSC 1 st Year	3 (2 girls & 1 boy)
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Honor's 1 st year	5 (2 girls & 3 boys)
Degree 2 nd year	2 (2 girls)

The program was held at the Murtuza institute of Syedpur. The following guests were attended the function:

Mr. Asad Chowdhury	Ekushey Laureate poet
Mr. Jawadul Haque Sarker	Upazila Chairman, Syedpur
Mr. Ashraful Haque Babu	President, Shamsul Haque Foundation, Syedpur
Mr. Mustafa Kamal	Ex. Ward Commissioner, Syedpur Pourashava
Mr. Shamim Ahmed Khan	Secretary, Executive Body, Al-Falah Bangladesh
Mr. Javed Hussen	Development Worker
Mohammad Hasan	Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh

Mr. Jawadul Haque Sarkar, Upazila Chairman, Syedpur appreciated the initiative of



Al-Falah Bangladesh and said that this kind of support encourages the parents and students to get higher education. He stated that economically Syedpur is still back ward and needs more attention. In his

speech he made commitment that as an Upazial Chairman he would negotiate with the concerned authorities to make monthly fee free for sponsored students at schools/colleges levels.

Mr. Ashraful Haque Babu, President, Shamsul Haque Foundation, in his speech informed that there are few colleges in Syedpur which has Dept. for Science group. Studying in the commerce is costly for the poor students. He said that there is a possibility to establish a University in Syedpur but due to Government policy it may not be established here and shifted to some other location, which may hamper the socio-economic development of Syedpur.

Ekushey Laureate poet Asad Chowdhury applauded that among the sponsored students maximum of them are girls which is a bright sign for the community. He also note that the presence of the guardians especially mothers in this function are also added value for the community. He appreciated the commitment of the Upazila Chairman for trying to waive monthly fee from the schools and colleges. He said that Government should consider establishing the University for this area so that people of this area will get higher education.

Mr. Mustafa Kamal, Ex. Ward Commissioner, Syedpur Pourashava assures his support to the education development program. He said that if any students need any support regarding education he/she should contact him directly and he will try to resolve the problem.

Mohammad Hasan, Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh gave thanks to Shamsul Haque

Foundation for organizing a formal program to distribute scholarship among the selected students. He stated that providing scholarship is a way to build confidence among the community students for pursuing higher



education. He said that apart of all the limitation Sadeka Haque of Geneva Camp completed her Mid Level Ophthalmology course and now she is in job at the Islamia Eye Hospital, Dhaka. He said that like Sadeka every student will do better in education and achieve their aspiration as they desire.

The meeting was conducted by Mr. Majid Iqbal, Organizing Secretary, Shamsul Haque Foundation, Syedpur.

This is to mention here that in 2015 Education Development Program continuing 32 Foundation Schools under Target Foundation, USA fund, where a total of 32 teachers and 5 supervisors are receiving regular scholarship. In 2015, EDP has planned to provide scholarship a total of 600 students living in Mohammadpur & Mirpur (Dhaka), Mymensingh, Bogra, Rangpur, Ishurdi, Khulna & Chittagong one time scholarship.

Al-Falah Bangladesh hopes that the well-wishers of the organizations and community will provide its support to continue the education program.

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