

## icddr,b staff honoured at annual 'long service award' ceremony

**Dhaka, October 14, 2015**—icddr,b today celebrated the exceptional performance of its employees at a 'long service award' ceremony, where more than 70 employees were recognised for their length of service, ranging from 25 to 35 years.

The employees received commemorative crests and certificates that mark their continued service. Of the employees awarded, seven were recognised for 35 years of service, 34 for 30 years and 30 for 25 years.

One of icddr,b's leading scientists and a long-service award recipient, Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, recalled a proud moment from 1990, saying, "A renowned professor from Belgium's Leuven University once wanted to meet me for two reasons. Firstly, he wanted to learn more about icddr,b—an organisation he found remarkable because one of America's most prestigious journal had, in that particular week, published three publications from icddr,b. Secondly, he was curious to know how icddr,b conducts such 'world class research' in a developing country like Bangladesh."

Executive Director John D Clemens said, "I extend my sincere gratitude to my colleagues on their dedication and commitment to icddr,b. It is through their hard work and years of service that the organisation has grown from a humble beginning to a 'centre of excellence'. I am honored to recognise each and every one of them for their exceptional performance, day in and day out."

Dr. Azharul Islam Khan, Chief Physician in the Dhaka Hospital and President of the Staff Welfare Association, also spoke at the occasion. He said, "Those who have worked for decades at icddr,b have become living institutions themselves within this unique organisation. The contributions and commitment of our long-standing colleagues are an inspiration to us all."

Nominated employees, their supervisors and the organisation's senior leadership team attended the annual ceremony. The event included a video presentation of the award winners sharing their experiences.

icddr,b is one of Bangladesh's largest organisations, employing more than 4,500 staff.

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