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## **Visit of US Ambassador at Moanoghar**

The current US Ambassador to Bangladesh, His Excellency Dan W. Mozena visited Moanoghar on last 2 April 2012. He was accompanied by his wife Ms. Grace Mozena and a team that included Chief of Mission of USAID in Bangladesh.

He was received by a group of children in presence of Rotarian Ahmed Farooque, General Secretary of Wildlife and Nature Conservation Society of Bangladesh (WNCSB) and Ms. Nirupa Dewan, Vice President of Moanoghar Executive Committee. He visited the project site of Moanoghar Eco-preservation Project, funded by US Cultural Centre. He, along with the other members of delegation planted trees while visiting the project site.

Later he visited the Moanoghar campus and attended a cultural function of the children.



*His Excellency Dan W. Mozena, the US Ambassador to Bangladesh at Moanoghar*

## **Results of SSC Examinations and Launching of Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP)**

The year's SSC result was published on 7 May. A total number of 144 students from Moanoghar Residential High School (MRHS) appeared at the last SSC Examinations; 109 regular students and the remaining 35 students are irregular i.e. who failed in last year's examination and took part again this year.

In total 102 students pass which amounts to a rate of 71.52%. The rate is within the average of Chittagong Education Board under which Moanoghar School falls.

Related to the above information, Moanoghar has re-launched the **Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP)** from this year. As part of this new initiative, students after SSC are provided education loan for further studies at tertiary level, which they will refund once they enter into employment after completion of studies.

As of now, only students from Moanoghar are supported from the programme. However, non-Moanoghar students belonging to the ethnic minority communities of CHT will also be gradually included depending on the availability of funds. The programme is currently funded by contributions from the former students of Moanoghar who completed their studies with similar support from Moanoghar. At present 22 students are supported under HELP.

### **A Team from France Visit Moanoghar**

A team from the French association 'Les Amis des Jummas' visited Moanoghar in late March'12. The team comprised of Robert Clochon, Vice President of the association and his wife Dominique Clochon who volunteers with the organization.

Currently, the association sponsors some 20 children of Moanoghar. They spent a day at Moanoghar and met with the sponsored children. Moanoghar authority made a presentation to them of the overall activities and pointed out areas where their further support would be beneficial.



*Tree planting by the Deputy Head of Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bangladesh in Moanoghar campus.*

### **Publication of Video Film by "Chadigang Shilpigosthi" held**

The inauguration program of the publication of a video film (Chakma drama) was held on 16 May at Moanoghar Conference Hall. Mr. Jhimit Jhimit Chakma, the Head Teacher of Moanoghar Residential High School was present as the Chief Guest. Advocate Chanchu Chakma, former Executive Director (and currently Adviser) and Mrs. Goirika Chakma, Senior Assistant Teacher were present as special guest. Supan Chakma, a Moanoghar student who is now studying in Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology in Electrical Engineering presided over the function. The Chadigang Shilpigosti is a cultural association of the current and former students of Moanoghar. The video film was projected following the ceremony.

### **Moanoghar Students Champion in Debate Competition**

On 14 May a debate competition was organized at Rani Dayamoyee High School, Rangamati. Eight debating teams from various schools of Rangamati Sadar Upazila participated in the competition. Moanoghar school team was one of them. Moanoghar team members were Riya Chakma, Sweety Chakma and Antara Chakma. The judges declared the Moanoghar team as champion of the competition. The debating theme was "good result in the exams can be achieved only by merits not by perseverance".

### **Other events**

- Moanoghar School students participated in **Interschool Quiz Completion** held on 15 June at local **Small Ethnic Minority Museum** of Rangamati. Two teams from the school won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize respectively.
- The Deputy Head of Mission of Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bangladesh visited Moanoghar in company of a delegation of Manusher Jonno Foundation. They interacted with the children and attended a cultural performances by the children. They also planted trees in Moanoghar campus.
- Moanoghar School teachers participated in a day long **training course on preparation of creative question paper and its application** held on 26 and 28 May at Shaheed Abdul Ali Academy in Rangamati
- Mr. Arupan Barua, assistant teacher, participated in a "**Training on Online Registration of JSC Candidates of Year 2012**" held on 29 May at B. Ed College in Chittagong.
- Udvasan Chakma and Milan Chakma participated in a training course on **Advocacy Capacity Building Training for Strengthening Good Governance & Human Rights Initiatives** held from 4-7 June at MJF Training Center (ALOK) in Dhaka.
- **A guest from Korea visited Moanoghar** from 25-27 May. He came to visit to explore prospects for setting up of a Korean Language Learning Centre at Moanoghar.

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