

# An appeal for sponsoring a 10-bed Ward for Ahsania Cancer Hospital , Dhaka

**Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)**, a voluntary development organization mandated to humanitarian service, took up the project of establishing a **500 bed hospital** capable of offering cancer treatment and other health services to the people of Bangladesh. The hospital to be known as **Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH)** is located at Uttara, Dhaka by the side of the Turag River on a piece of 3 acres of land. The foundation stone of the hospital was laid on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2005 with a target of completion by July 2008. The total cost of the project is estimated to be about Tk. 2000 million. Construction work has been progressing smoothly as per schedule.

**DAM** being a non-profit voluntary organization cannot provide necessary financing from its own sources, Hence, DAM is raising fund from different local and overseas sources. There is encouraging responses from benevolent persons, corporate bodies and even the housewives and school children are coming forward to donate from their small savings for this hospital. Donations received till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 amounted to Taka 453 million.

It is obvious that to complete the construction work and make the Hospital fully functional there is need to raise huge funds. As such DAM requests the Bangladeshis living both at home and abroad to donate generously to the establishment of this Hospital in our beloved homeland so that our cancer patients do not have to go overseas for treatment.

DAM has made special provisions for sponsoring different facilities such as beds, wards, cabins, floors. Operation theatres and major equipment and dedicating it in ones own name or in the name of near and dear ones or community groups or organization. Ground and First floors have already been sponsored by **Dutch-Bangla Bank** and **Pubali Bank Ltd.** respectively. The donation for sponsoring a **10-bed ward** is **Tk. 4,000,000 (about \$80,000)**.

During my recent visit to Dhaka, I met the President and CEO of Ahsania Mission Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Islam and donated an amount of Tk. 60000 on behalf of Bangladesh community. He expressed thanks and requested **Australian Bangladeshi Community** to make a major contribution towards the establishment of the Cancer Hospital. After my return to Sydney, I have spoken to a number of Bangladeshis here and every one is very keen to support such a noble project. I sincerely believe that with generous support from all our community members, we will be able to sponsor a 10-bed ward in the name of **Bangladeshi Community, Sydney**. Hence, I am appealing to all community members to donate generously for establishing the ward.

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