

Medical varsity may be set up in city

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia reiterated her government's decision to introduce a new health and drug policy soon, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister in her message for the third national conference of Association of Physicians of Bangladesh (APB) which began in Dhaka on Tuesday, said the present government would introduce the policy keeping in mind the demands of the democratic social system.

Begum Zia said the government had taken up a plan to set up four more medical colleges. The primary work of the two of which

will start next month.

The Prime Minister also gave a call to the physicians to come forward with proposals to ensure the production of medicines for the common people by utilising local resources and initiating the training of the Palli Chikitsaks (village doctors).

The Prime Minister said the government was considering to set up a medical university to help flourish modern medical technology in the country and a 300-bed cardiac hospital in Dhaka.

Health Secretary M Mokammel Huq read out the message at

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the inaugural session of the conference

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf, National Professor Nurul Islam, APB Secretary General Dr Tofayel Ahmed, APB President Prof Moniruddin Ahmed, Prof S G M Chowdhury and Prof Muhammad Tahir spoke on the occasion.

The Health Minister said that only the setting up of hospitals and medical centres would not help in the improvement of the health sector. The physicians and medical staff had to render their dedicated and sincere services to the suffering humanity, he said.

Tuesday's APB programme also included presentation of Ibrahim Memorial Lecture by Prof Matiur Rahman and holding of a technical session.

Prof Matiur Rahman was presented with Ibrahim Memorial Gold Medal while Prof Mahmud Hasan, Dr Haroon-ur-Rashid, Dr Muhammad Noor Alam, Maj Gen Dr Anis Waiz, Prof Sheikh Nesaruddin Ahmed and Dr Nazrul Islam Khan were presented with crests as the APB elected fellows to the Royal Colleges of the UK.