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Silver Jubilee celebration of Comilla Board

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The silver jubilee of foundation of Comilla Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education was celebrated with a 2-day colourful programme on March 3 and 4 last.

Among the participants two ministers, two secretaries, noted educationists, scholars, scientists, etc. discussed threadbare our education system, prevention of mass-copying in the examination and what steps should be taken for the development of vocational training to provide a large number of our unemployed population with education.

The two-day programme included inauguration ceremony on March 3 last which was attended by the Minister for Education Sheikh-Shahidul Islam as chief guest while Information Secretary Mr ANM Yousuf was the special guest, Dr Mobarak Ali Akhand, Chairman, Comilla Board presided.

Meeting of remembrance, which was attended by the Education Secretary Mr Heda-

yet Ahmed as chief guest and Dr, AHM Karim, Director General of Secondary and Higher Education Directorate attended it as special guest while Prof. Gazi Abdus Salam, Chairman, BISE, Jessore chaired this session. Noted scholars and educationists spoke in it.

On the concluding day on March 4 last seminar on Present system of Education and its Development, gathering of elites (rally), presentation of award winning essays of the essay competition organized on this occasion, award distribution, cultural function and concluding ceremony was held in three successive sessions.

Chaired by the Chairman of Comilla Board, the seminar was attended by eminent scientist Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin as the chief guest and Chairman of BISE, Dhaka, Mr Abdur Rashid Chowdhury as the special guest while Dr. Ali Asgar, Head of the Department of Physics, BEUT presented the key-note paper in it.

Prof. Amzad Ali Khan, Controller of Examinations, Comilla Board, Principal Abul Kalam Mazumder, Member, National Education Commission and Principal Abdul Kader of Comilla Polytechnic Institute also spoke in the seminar.

Presided over by the chairman of Comilla Board, the gathering of elites was attended by Prof. Md. Shamsul Huq, Member, University Grants Commission as the chief guest and Mr Mobarak Hossain Khan, Director (External Service), Radio Bangladesh and a noted litterateur and translator attended it as its special guest. The chief guest distributed the prizes among the winners of Essay competition held on the occasion and the prize winning essays were read out in this session.

Mr. ABM Golam Mustafa, Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources attended the concluding ceremony as chief guest and distributed prizes among the first three positions holders in combined meritlists

and first position holders in each of the groups of SSC and HSC examinations from 1983-1988. At least 70 meritorious students, received the prizes.

At least 4000 spectators including principals and head masters of 221 colleges and 2050 high schools under the jurisdiction of the board attended in its two-day programme.

The inaugural ceremony was addressed, among others, by the Secretary of Comilla Board Mr FUM Golam Kibria, former Inspector of Colleges Md. Ali, Principal Abdur Rouf of Ajit Guha College and Md. Fazle Rabbi, Chief Editor of the Weekly Amod.

Among the speakers of the Meeting of Remembrance, Inspector of Colleges of Comilla Board Mr. Abdur Rashid Khan, Secretary General of Employees Association, Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, three former chairmen Messers Safayet Ahmed Siddiqui (Prof), AKM Md, Ullah and Prof. Lutfur Rahman also recalled their memories.