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# Constitution adopted Salam to raise funds for IIDM



Prof Salam

The second session of the Board of Advisors of the International Institute of Environmental Studies and Disaster Management (IIDM) held at the International Conference Centre here unanimously adopted its constitution, reports BSS.

President Ershad has been named as the chief patron of the IIDM by the constitution while Mr. B.M. Abbas A.T. and Kazi Zafar Ahmed as patrons.

Prof. Safullah's name has also been incorporated in the constitution as the Secretary General of the IIDM who would be the executive head of the institute and shall be responsible for its overall performance.

Deputy Prime Minister and Political Adviser to the President, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, who is also the Vice President of

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Nobel Laureate Prof. A. Salam, Prof. S. Safullah, Prof. M.B. Hursthouse, Prof. A. Renzoni, Dr. Kate Kranck, Prof. S.C. McCaffrey, Prof. Sun Shunci, Prof. S.Z. Haider, Prof. Mafizuddin Ahmed, Prof. Nurul Islam, Prof. A.K. Aminul Haque, Prof. S.A.M. Khairul Basher and Dr. Azizur Rahman attended the session.

Briefing newsmen, Kazi Zafar Ahmed said Prof. A. Salam in his speech at the session put forward some suggestions based on his experiences regarding the formation and future activities of the institute.

Prof. Salam, Kazi Zafar Ahmed said, suggested the aims and objectives of the institute and modalities of spending fund should be spelled out clearly.

Prof. Salam, Kazi Zafar said, emphasised that the IIDM should be one of the best research institutes of the world. He expressed his willingness to go around the world to raise fund for the institute and invited Kazi Zafar Ahmed, patron of the institute to visit Trieste to accompany him (Salam) in his mission.

Prof. Salam pointed out raising overseas fund for the equipment and other scientific activities should not be a hurdle. He pleaded that 10 per cent of the funds coming to Bangladesh for disaster relief should be diverted to IIDM. According to his experience in running the Third World Academy of Science, Prof. Salam said a minimum fund of 10 million dollars would be required for running the IIDM.

Prof. Salam also invited Prof. Syed Safullah, the Secretary General of the institute to attend some board meetings of his academy during the first week of June to gain practical experience to run an international institute.

Prof. Salam commended the chairman of the session, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, for efficiently conducting the session in a democratic way.

The chairman of the session, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, thanked Prof. A. Salam for his valued suggestions and guidance.

He assured the Board of full support of Bangladesh government and President Ershad for the institute.

Kazi Zafar mentioned the discussion of Prof. Salam with some of the heads of foreign missions and international donor agencies regarding funding the institute and said the discussions were very encouraging.

He also mentioned that Prof. A. Salam's affections and tenderness towards the institute was a great source of inspiration and the greatest asset of the IIDM.

The board of advisers decided to hold its next meeting some time in November this year when Prof. A. Salam would be visiting the country.

Narrating the salient features of the constitution of the IIDM, Kazi Zafar Ahmed said the board of advisers shall meet at least once a year. To convene a board meeting 30 days notice would be required. However, in case of an emergency situation, a meeting can be convened with 15 days notice.

The board shall be the supreme decision making and policy formulating body of the IIDM.

A congress consisting of the members of the board and of all the participants of the international seminar held in Dhaka March 4-7 1989 shall be the general body of the IIDM which shall elect the office-bearers and members of the board.

About status of the institute, Kazi Zafar Ahmed said it shall be a non-governmental and non-political international institute.

In the board, at least 18 members out of the maximum 35 members will be from overseas to maintain the international status of the institute.

### LEAVES FOR NEPAL

Nobel laureate Prof. A. Salam left Dhaka yesterday for Nepal at the end of his three-day visit to Bangladesh.

Prof. Salam was seen off at the Zia International Airport by Prof. S. Safullah the Secretary General of IIDM.