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Medical colleges become autonomous from July 1

Hospitals and medical colleges in the country will be brought under an autonomous administration, Deputy Prime Minister-in-charge of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning Prof M A Matin said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

He was speaking at the certificates awarding ceremony after a three-month course on hospital administration at

Nipsom auditorium at Mahakhali in the morning. Directorate of Health organised the course.

The DPM further said in the first phase all the medical colleges and 19 hospitals will function as autonomous institutions from July 1.

Prof Matin said this epoch-making and revolutionary step in the health sector could be

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taken due to the rare qualities of President Ershad. He said once the hospitals and medical colleges were turned into autonomous institutions they would become answerable to the people.

The DPM stressed on formulating training courses in harmony with needs and based on skills. He informed that the government was going to introduce prizes and punishments on the basis of efficiency and negligence in health and family planning activities.

Health Secretary Mr. S. Hasan Ahmed said good treatment will only suffice when supported by better medical administration.

Twenty health administrators and managers including Civil Surgeons and Deputy Directors attended the course. The closing ceremony yesterday was presided over by Dr. Monwara Binte Rahman, Director General, Health. The ceremony was also addressed by WHO Representative in Bangladesh Dr. A. N. A. Abe Sundari.