

Mayor 33rd recipient of DU D.Sc degree

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Dr. Federico Mayor, Director General of UNESCO, is the 33rd recipient of honorary doctorates (Honoris Causa) conferred by Dhaka University during the last 75 years since 1922.

The university conferred the degree of Doctor of Science on the UNESCO Director General at a special convocation on the campus on Tuesday. The last special convocation was held in 1993 to confer the honorary Doctor of Science degree on the Nobel laureate and world renowned physicist Professor Abdus Salam.

The recipients of honorary doctorates of Dhaka University include Nobel laureate Sir Chandrasekhar Venkoteswara Raman, Egyptian President Jamal Abdel Nasser, Chinese Premier Chou En Lai, Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, His Royal Highness Aga Khan, Poet and Philosopher Sir Mohammad Iqbal, Sir Jagadish Chandra Basu, Novelist Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay, Sher-e-Bangla A.K. Fazlul Huq, Professor Satyendra Nath Bose, Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah, Dr. Qudrat-e-Khuda, Dr. Qazi Mothar Hossain, Ustad Ali Akbar Khan, Professor Abul Fazal and National Poet of Bangladesh Qazi Nazrul Islam.

UNESCO Director General Dr. Federico Mayor earned fame by his research on pre-natal bio-chemistry involving the detection and treatment of children suffering from congenital defects. He did his PhD in pharmacy and became a pioneer in molecular biology. Before joining the UNESCO as the Director General in 1987, he was the Minister for Education and Science in Spain.