

Manik Mia Trust Fund set up at DU

A new trust fund named "Tofazzal Hosein (Manik Mia) Trust Fund" was set up in the Dhaka University and in this regard the Chairman of Manik Mia Foundation Barrister Mainul Hosein donated a cheque for Taka five lakh to the Vice-Chancellor of the University Professor AK Azad Chowdhury at a simple function held at the latter's office on Thursday, says a Press release.

To perpetuate the memory of late Manik Mia, a veteran journalist and founder of the Daily Ittefaq, his eldest son Barrister Mainul Hosein who is the Chairman of the Editorial Board of the New Nation and the Ittefaq took initiative to establish a trust fund after the name of his father at the University.

The function was attended, among others, by senior journalist Rokunuzzaman Khan Dada Bhai, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university Professor Shaiid Uddin Ahmed, Treasurer Professor M Shamsul Haque, Dean of Arts Faculty Professor Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department Dr Sitara Parvin and Registrar of the University Muhammad Selim.

Out of the income of this trust fund, a student who will obtain the highest marks in Masters Final examination among all the departments under Arts, Social Science and Business Studies faculties of the university will be awarded a gold-medal and Tk 10,000 in cash every year.

Besides, a student of Journalism Department who will get the highest marks in the first year final examination will be given Tk 1,000 as scholarship per month to complete the rest of his three-year honours course.

It may be mentioned here in implementing the "Manik Mia Trust Fund" activities properly and giving necessary additional financial assistance, the Chairman of the Manik Mia Foundation will remain as a member of the board of trustee.

Receiving the cheque Vice-Chancellor Professor AK Azad Chowdhury thanked Barrister Mainul Hosein for this generous donation and showed deep respect to the memory of Manik Mia. The Vice-Chancellor also presented Dhaka University crests to Mainul Hosein and Dada Bhai.