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Canadian HC visits Padua School

PADUA, Comilla, Dec. 14:— The Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh, Mr. Emile Guavreau, has been made the chief patron of Padua Sufia Rahaman High School, about 30 miles south of Comilla, reports BSS.

Mr. Aminur Rahman, the Chairman of the Managing Committee of the School and top executive of Glaxo-Bangladesh Ltd. handed over the 'certificate of patronage' to the High Commissioner at a function held at the premises of the school on Sunday.

The school established in 1966 in the district by late Mafizur Rahman, a retired Deputy Secretary of the neighbouring Shilofi village, has since been run on humble personal donations.

Addressing the function as the chief guest, Mr. Emile said he would do all his best for the rapid development of the school. "I will try my best to carry out the responsibility you have reposed on me", the High Commissioner who was moved to see the vast arrangement to greet him, said.

He sought active cooperation from all quarters including the students and the guardians to assist him in his task for the development of the school and further assured "I shall do beyond your expectation".

Several gates were erected on the one kilometre road from the Dhaka-Chittagong Road to the school which was also decorated with fastoons and miniature flags with inscriptions of rose to greet Mr. Emile.

He thanked the organisers for honouring him in such a way and said the tributes he got here had made him emotional.

Referring to Bangladesh-Canada relations, the High Commissioner said his country had been maintaining an excellent relation with Bangladesh since the diplomatic relations were established in 1972. "Your country is important to us as we are giving a large volume of aid to Bangladesh", he said, adding that this had been done only for the relations of the two countries.