

RU sees more int'l students

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Though born and raised in Jordan, Addel Kader Shihadeh always felt a connection to Bangladesh.

"My father was a student at Dhaka Medical College and spoke highly of the country. That's why when I wanted to study abroad, I chose Bangladesh," said the undergraduate student of electrical and electronic engineering at Rajshahi University (RU).

He said he decided to study at RU because of its serene atmosphere.

Addel is one of the 15 international students admitted under the 2016-17 academic session, which is the highest in a single year in RU's 63 years of history, according to academic sources.

Simple online admission process, quality of educa-

tion, improved accommodation facilities and friendly atmosphere are the key reasons behind the increasing number of international students, they added.

In the previous session, the number of international students admitted was 5. Including the 15, there are now 20 international students at the university.

"I looked up several universities in Bangladesh, and

liked RU because it doesn't have the hustle and bustle of other universities like Dhaka. Also, Rajshahi is a clean city," said Yousuf Matan Abdi, a Somali student of crop science and technology.

Most of the students also said they chose Bangladesh as an education destination considering the affordability.

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A group of international students in front of their dorm.