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### Foreign students and BAC

This refers to a news item, "ECNEC okays 3 project in agri sector", which appeared in The New Nation of the 24th May.

The project titled, "Strengthening of Bangladesh Agricultural College at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka" was also among the three projects approved by the ECNEC. It is reported that the ECNEC has directed the concerned authorities to take suitable measures so that more foreign students are attracted to undertake studies in this institution.

While extending thanks and gratitude to ECNEC, I would like to affirm that there is indeed enough scope of enrolling foreign students at Agriculture College. And we have been thinking about this for long. As far as I understand, if we can create more seats and

facilities for foreign students, I am confident, students from Middle, Eastern countries as well as Europe and America will come to undertake agricultural studies at our college because agro-based Bangladesh is itself an ideal laboratory for pursuing agricultural education and research.

Meanwhile, it is strongly felt that to make BAC an ideal agricultural education institution, it must be converted into an autonomous College of Agricultural Science. This autonomy will not only provide us the opportunity to plan our future better but also to design our own course curricula as per the need of the time and international requirements.

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