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## Role of teachers in removing illiteracy lauded

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad said in Dhaka on Wednesday night that the nation would always remain indebted to the teachers for their contributions in the endeavour to remove the curse of illiteracy from the society reports BSS.

Addressing over three hundred representatives of Bangladesh Jamiatul Mudarresin and Bangladesh Kazi Parishad from all over the country, when they came to meet him at the CMLA's Secretariat the President said "the efforts you have been making to spread the light of education among the people will always be remembered by the nation."

He expressed the hope that the teachers, including the Mad-rasha teachers would continue to play their due role along side the government initiatives in educating the people in the greater interest of the nation and the country.

The President said despite bottlenecks, the nation had marched forward to the path of self-reliance in every sphere of national life during the last four years. He said "We shall have still to go a long way to our cherished objective and Inshallah we will reach our goal."

In this context he said Allah helps those who help themselves and expressed the confidence that "if we work hard to improve our lot, the Almighty will surely shower his blessings so that we can achieve our objectives".

The delegation led by Maulana Abdul Mannan President of the Jamiatul Mudarresin reiterated their total support to the programmes and policies of President Ershad and solidarity with his leadership.

### Motor cycle given to meritorious students

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad on Wednesday presented one motor-cycle each to the students who secured first and second positions in the Higher Secondary Certificate examinations held in 1983 under the four Education Boards of the country.

The motor-cycles were given at a simple ceremony, held at the CMLA's Secretariat to both male and female students who secured two top position in their respective combined lists of the

four Education Boards.

While handing over the motor cycles, President Ershad talked to them affectionately enquiring about their welfare. He hoped that they would maintain their performance in future and build themselves as worthy citizens. The students expressed their gratitude to the President for the gifts and for being among them.

Those who received the motor cycles are: Khandoker Rifat Hossain (Dhaka College) A.K.M. Rashidul Hassan (Dhaka College) Sabina Akhtar Islam (Holy Cross College) and Latifa Kamal Siddiqui (Holy Cross College) of Dhaka Board; Mir Mohammad Ruhul Kabir (Raishahi College), Farhad Ahmed (Raishahi College) Kalvan Ramanath (Raishahi College) and Nahid Reaz Shapla (Raishahi College) of Raishahi Board.

Naila Hossain (Chittagong College) Mohammad Maksudul Anwar (Faujdarhat Cadet College) and Shakila Ishrat (Chittagong College) of Comilla Board.

A.H.M. Sultanur Reza (Jhenaidah Cadet College) Sheikh Mohammad Mainul Alam Jhenaidah Cadet College) Rifat Sultana (Jessore Cantonment College Jhenaidah) of Jessore College.