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Prof. Muhammad Shamsul Huq of the department of Applied Physics and Electronics has succeeded Prof. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury as the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University. He took over charges from the acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. K. M. Siddique last week.

The Chancellor appointed Prof. Huq from among three members of a panel elected by the Dhaka University Senate. Immediately before his assumption of office as Vice-Chancellor Prof. Huq was the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Director Institute of Scientific Instrumentation of the University Grants Commission.

Prof. Shamsul Huq is the fourth Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University since the independence of Bangladesh. The first Vice-Chancellor Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury was made Chairman, University Grants Commission; and later the Minister for Education. Prof. Abdul Matin Chowdhury, who succeeded him, had resigned after the change of August 15,

1975. The third Vice-Chancellor after independence, Prof. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury held the post for seven years before submitting his resignation after which the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. K. M. Siddique was holding charge.

The new Vice-Chancellor started his teaching career in 1952 as a Lecturer in Dhaka University and obtained doctoral degree from Leeds University, U.K. in 1965. He joined the Chittagong University Physics Department as its founder Chairman in 1966 and later became Dean of the Faculty of Science.

Prof. Huq joined the University Grants Commission in 1973 as Director of Research, and later returned to Dhaka University as Professor of Applied Physics and Electronics.

He held the post of President of the Dhaka University Teachers Association for two consecutive terms between 1977 and 1979; and was elected Dean of Science Faculty in 1981 and 1983. Recently he was elected a member of the University Syndicate.