



## Aminul Islam takes over as BOU V-C

Eminent educationist Professor M Aminul Islam of the Department of Geography, Dhaka University, has taken over as Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University. He replaces Dr. M Shamsheer Ali whose four year term expired on October 20, says a Press release.

A specialist in Agro-climatology, Resource Management, Environmental Perception and Management, Natural Hazards and Geography of Education, Dr. Islam has written four books, three on geography and one of resource management. He has also to his credit over 70 research papers published in different international journal. He is associated with the research works of various commissions under International Geographical Union.

Keenly interested in distance mode of education, Dr. Islam earned a good reputation by preparing some important pieces of modules on it as an associate of Distance Education in Malaysia.

Dr. Islam did his M.Sc in Geography under the University of Dhaka in 1956 securing first position in the First Class. Next year he joined the same university as a lecturer. He obtained Ph.D degree in 1964 from Clark University, Worcester, Mass USA.

Dr. Islam was appointed Provost, Shahidullah Hall of Dhaka University in 1984 for 5 years. He became Dean of the Faculty of Science in '89. Other important assignments of Dr. Islam included Director, Disaster Research, Training and Management Centre Dhaka University, Convener, Presidential Adviser's Task Force on Flood Action Plan and President Bangladesh Geographical Society, an affiliate of the International Geographical Union. He was a member of the Dhaka University Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council and Board of Advanced Studies.

Born on April 1, 1932, Dr. Islam hails from a respectable Muslim family of Bakhorba village under Shailakupa PS of Jhenidah district.