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Dhaka College former students reunion held

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In a unique gesture, nearly 2,000 former students of Dhaka College converged to a hive on Friday, setting a rare example of fellow feeling in the growing egocentric urban society.

Irrespective of their social positions, present and former ministers, intellectuals, journalists, bureaucrats, businessmen and all other former students of the 161-year old college gathered at Women's Sports Complex in the city's Dhanmondi area and shared their sweet memories.

The daylong 2nd Reunion 2002 organised by Dhaka College Former Students Association began in the morning with hoisting of the national flag by Monayemuddin Ahmad, the oldest surviving former student of 1933-34 batch, and the Association flag by Maksudur Rahman, the youngest one who completed his HSC this year.

The programmes were split into four parts - inaugural function, raffle draw, recalling of memories and cultural function - with lavish arrangement of launch and dinner. The former students along with their better halves attended the functions.

The oldest former student, Monayemuddin Ahmad, was chief guest at the inaugural function with the Association President Lt. Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman in the chair. Shafiq Rehman and Convener of the Reunion 2002 Barrister Moinul Hussein gave welcome address. Nasim Mahmud presented the report of the general secretary.

On the gala occasion, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society organised a voluntary blood donation programme while Glaxo Smith-Kline arranged a primary health service programme at the complex premises.

Prominent former students, who attended the function and remembered their sweet memories, were Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Dr Osman Farruk, Zillur Rahman, Abdur Razzak, Shamsur Rahman, Rashed Mosharraf, Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury, MK Anwar, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Rashed Khan Menon, Major (retd) Kamrul Islam, Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Prof Mozaffar Ahmed, Fazle Hasan Abd, Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, Akhter Hamid Siddiqui, Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, Enayer Ullah Khan, Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, Kazi Zafarullah and Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury.

Dhaka College, the country's oldest seat of education, was founded in 1841 and it was formerly called "Dhaka Intermediate College". Dhaka College Former Students Association, a government registered association, was formed in 1995.