

**Bangla, Italy enjoy excellent ties: Biswas**

## **Students urged to utilise best period of life**

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Sunday called upon the students to properly utilise their best period of life for acquiring knowledge and said there is no short-cut way to education, reports BSS.

President Biswas was talking to the members of the Ziaur Rahman Hall Student Union who called on him at Bangabhaban Sunday. Dr M Ershadul Bari Provost of the hall led the delegation.

Stressing on congenial atmosphere in educational insti-

tutions President Biswas said continuous hard labour is the key to achieve success in student life. He advised them to attain perfection by acquiring knowledge and make themselves worthy for the nation.

Among others Vice President Monowar Hossain Rana, General Secretary Anowarul Islam and Members of the Sangsad Ayub Ali, Shaikh Farid Hossain, Sarwar Hossain, Zahir Hassan, Asaduzzaman Swapan were present on the occasion.

The Ambassador of Italy, Dr Claudio Pacifico, made a farewell call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Sunday.

Talking to the out-going ambassador, President Biswas said Bangladesh and Italy enjoy excellent bilateral relations which have grown in depth and dimension over the years. He further said Bangladesh attaches great importance to her relationship with Italy. He appreciated Italy's assistance as development partner of Bangladesh and hoped that this support would continue in coming years.

President Biswas mentioned there is enough scope for further expansion of trade and commerce between the two countries for mutual benefit. He said that through our liberalised economic policy, we have provided various incentives for encouraging direct foreign investment and joint venture projects.

He conveyed his best regards to President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro of the Republic of Italy.

The Ambassador said Italy has been a sincere development partner of Bangladesh and hoped that the relationship between the two countries would further deepen in coming days. He said, "soldiers of our both the countries are working together in UN peace-keeping missions in different countries."

He appreciated the economic progress of Bangladesh during the last few years and expressed his hope that with greater determination of the hard-working people, the growth rate will further go up. He thanked the President and the government for support during his tenure in Bangladesh.