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### Foreign Scholarship

Sir,

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has established good friendly relations with many countries of the world. We have cultural and educational agreements with many friendly countries. Under the above agreement there is the students exchange programme. Many countries have offered scholarships to provide educational facilities in different disciplines in their university and colleges. But we do not see advertisement of foreign scholarship in the national dailies. Sometimes the advertisements are released one or two days ahead of the last date of submission of applications.

As a result the students who are studying outside Dhaka cannot avail themselves of the opportunity to submit their applications. Even students studying in Dhaka cannot apply for foreign scholarships within such a short period. It is reported that some interested persons manage to suppress them to send their sons, daughters and relations abroad. We know most of the universities and colleges of European, American and Asian countries have scholarship programmes for the students of less developed countries like Bangladesh. But due to our wrong handling many of the scholarship facilities are of no or little avail. Many of the parents are ready to bear travel expenses if the chances of scholarship are offered to their sons and daughters.

I would request the concerned Ministry to publish a list of scholarship available in different colleges, universities of different countries well ahead of time.

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