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"Service to Sufferers
is
Service to God"



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Health Camp at the Central Mosque, DOHS, Mirpur

A team from CRP-Mirpur organized a health camp at the Central Mosque of Mirpur DOHS, Dhaka on 14th February, 2019. The team included Md. Iqbal Hossain, Junior Consultant and In-charge of Occupational Therapy; Abdullah Al-Basir, Occupational Therapist; Abdul Fattah, Senior Physiotherapist; Saifuddin Parvez, Physiotherapist from CRP- Mirpur. Brig. Gen. Naim helped the team to make an activity plan. During the health camp, the team successfully accomplished the following activities:

1. A brief orientation on CRP's services and the role of rehab professionals on health for wellbeing.
2. Demonstration of basic exercises of neck, back, knee and shoulder conditions.
3. Discussed on energy conservation, joint protection and work simplification techniques for activities of daily livings.
4. Assessed individual patient and demonstrated therapeutic intervention such as exercise and ergonomics for daily living.
5. Referred patients to CRP- Mirpur for further continuation of therapy.



Orientation on CRP services by Md. Iqbal Hossain



Demonstrating exercises by a therapist



Chief guest inaugurating the fair



Children with disabilities enjoying the fair

Open Day 2019

This year CRP celebrated its Open Day on 1st March to raise awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities and to increase the participation of all members of the society in this regard. The special guest was Syed Azizul Haq, Former Additional Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), Bangladesh. CRP's Founder and Coordinator Dr. Valerie A. Taylor and Executive Director Md. Shafiq-ul Islam accompanied the guests to the fair ground where all of them inaugurated the fair and the Open Day together. CRP's patients, staff members, volunteers, students all were present in the inauguration ceremony.

Renowned writer and journalist Anisul Huq was also present in the fair with his books for a certain time. Every department displayed their services in their individual stalls in the fair. Other activities included a Merry-Go-Round, horse riding for children, fishing, art gallery, entertainment for the children and fun for the whole family. There was also a cultural programme in the afternoon at CRP's Reddaway Hall including an exquisite band show. The Open Day 2019 ended with the raffle draw. One of the vocational trainees of CRP got the first prize, a scooty bike sponsored by Interfab Shirt Manufacturing Ltd. in the raffle draw.



Raffle draw 1st prize winner receiving his prize



People enjoying fishing



A person with disability visiting the art gallery



Guests, stuff and parents at the occasion of International Women's Day



International Women's Day celebrated at CRP

CRP celebrated the international women's day with the theme "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change" on 9th March, 2019 at CRP's Reddaway Hall. The event started with calling upon the guests on dias. CRP's Executive Director Md. Shafiq-ul Islam chaired the programme. Selim Rahman, Asst. Manager of Rehabilitation Wing, Sharmin Hasnat, Acting Head of Speech and Language Therapy Department and Hosneara Parvin, Head of Paediatric Department shared their thoughts and experiences. All attendees discussed the importance of women's role in society, barriers and the changes needed for further development. Many staff, patients and students attended the event.

Marks and Start Cultural Exchange programme

On 11th March 2019, a special event was held at CRP's head office in Savar. CRP, in collaboration with Marks and Spencer, organised an annual get-together program for persons with disabilities working in ready-made garment factories, who had previously received their vocational training at CRP. Representatives, owners, and officials from around 70 factories were present at the event.

The program opened with a welcome speech given from the dais by the country head of Marks and Spencer, Shwapna Bhowmik, who welcomed all the guests to the event. CRP's Founder Valerie A. Taylor greeted all guests and audience to the event. Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Senior Compliance Manager, Marks and Spencer also delivered his speech. He was followed by Mr. Selim Rahman, Asst. Manager of Rehabilitation Wing of CRP who gave a brief presentation on the Marks and Start project activities. Till date CRP has trained 2260 persons with disabilities and placed them in different jobs in the ready-made garments sector of Bangladesh. Among the factory representatives, Mr. Shovon Islam, Managing Director of Crown Wears (Pvt.) Ltd shared his thoughts. The guests handed over the best employee award to the persons with disabilities working as sewing and linking operators in the garments factories to encourage their good works. Then the special guests gave out awards in several categories, including best employer and best employee. Finally, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, Executive Director of CRP thanked all the attendees for their presence.

After the photo session, a few persons with disabilities put on a performance for the guests.



Valerie Taylor delivering speech



Guests with all awardees on the stage



Representatives from different RMG factories



Persons with disabilities performing during the occasion



CRP's Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team in Thailand

With the invitation of International Wheelchair Basketball Federation Asia Oceania Zone (AOZ), CRP's Women's Wheelchair Basketball team participated in the women's development camp 2019 at Suphan Buri, Thailand from 24th to 30th March 2019. Holger Glinicki, the former German National Women's Team coach and a gold medallist from London 2012 and Troy Sachs, a two time Paralympic gold medallist facilitated the camp. When talking to Mr. Troy Sachs, he discussed about how CRP can manage some good quality sports wheelchairs as donation from his organization the Blues Wheelchair Basketball.

A total of 10 countries including Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand joined the camp. Along with the players referees and classifiers also received training during the camp. Ms. Farjana Touheed, Senior Clinical Physiotherapist and Md. Nasiruzzaman, Diploma Physiotherapist took part in those training sessions conducted by Toufic Allouche, AOZ Classification Officer and Matt Wells, AOZ Technical Officer.

Mr. Norbert Kucera, Secretary General of International Wheelchair Basketball Federation encouraged all players and shown his interest to improve the condition of wheelchair basketball in Bangladesh.



CRP team posing for photo



Training session at the camp

CRP joined British High Commission's "Connected Commonwealth" programme

British High Commission in Dhaka celebrated the #Connected Commonwealth here on 27th March 2019.

British High Commissioner Robert Chatterton Dickson hosted a Commonwealth big lunch at his residence as part of the celebration.

The event brought together young leaders and development practitioners to work towards a more prosperous, secure, sustainable, and bright future, according to British High Commission in Dhaka. A number of open floor discussions were held around this year's theme of "fairness", moderated by subject-matter experts, Banasree Neogi, Gender Advisor, Manusher Jonno Foundation on Gender Equality; Selina Ahmed, Executive Director, Acid Survivors Foundation on Empowerment of Survivors of Sexual, Domestic, or Gender-based Violence; Tahsinah Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, UCEP (Underprivileged Children's Educational Programmes) on Equal Opportunity of Education for Girls; Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, Executive Director, CRP (Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed) and Mohua Paul, Director, Resource Mobilization, Access Bangladesh Foundation on Equal Access to Skills Development and Capacity Building of Persons with Disabilities; Osama Bin Noor, Co-Founder, Youth Opportunities on Equal Work, Business, and Entrepreneurial Opportunity.

The event was also attended by the Bangladesh Women's Cricket team, Bangladeshi Queen's Young Leaders, British Council's FameLab2019 participants, Commonwealth scholars, and ILP (International Leadership Programme) leaders. Two artists of A Different Romeo & Juliet from CRP Monir Hossain Sikder Sajal and Parvin Akter also joined the event.

CRP's Executive Director participating in the open floor discussion



Guests at the programme



This Ramadan send your Zakat to CRP and contribute to the treatment and rehabilitation of the poor persons with disabilities. Your help can give these people a new life.

Ramadan Mubarak!!!

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