



International Nurses Day 2017

As the pioneer of nursing services the world celebrates Florence Nightingale's birthday as the International Nurses Day on May 12 every year. CRP Nursing College also observes this day with significance. This year the day was celebrated with a vibrant rally including all nursing students, teachers and staff. Afterwards, they celebrated Nightingale's birthday by cutting a cake.

Workshop at William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School

On May 13, 2017 a total of 26 staff from the William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School (WMTS), attended a workshop entitled "Providing a Quality service: Quality of life for persons with disabilities" at the school. Attendees included teachers, therapists and support staff from the school. The workshop was led by Tahmina Huq, Educator, Special Education, Singapore. She covered topics such as defining quality of life, influencing factors on the quality of life, and stages and different approaches regarding an able-bodied and a disabled person's quality of life. In the workshop, she also discussed a social and personal view towards the quality of life of the disabled, how to ensure that they receive quality services, and awareness of the rights of the disabled. Finally, she concluded with some positive remarks to encourage the participants.



Scholarships for nursing students



Last year, an MoU was signed between CRP, Dhaka Mohanagar Rotary Club (RCDM) and Akhtar Karim Foundation. The intention of the MoU was to support 10 female Nursing students for three years. In May this year, CRP received a donation via cheque amounting to 570,000 Tk to be used as partial admission fees and monthly tuition fees for these students. On May 17, 2017 CRP's Executive Director, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam and Runu Chowdhury, Principal, CRP Nursing College received the cheque from RCDM President Rtn Zakir Ahmed Zakir, MPH and an official from the Akhter Karim Foundation.

Recently a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between CRP and the German Embassy. On May 25, 2017 the German Ambassador, Dr. Thomas Prinz, and the Executive Director of CRP, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, signed the agreement respectively on behalf of their organizations. The project, named "Emergency Medical Support for Children and Persons with Physical Disabilities of Bangladesh", is sponsored under the "Small Scale Funding Initiative 2017" and CRP received 1,196,000 Tk. CRP will use this money to purchase a medical ventilator, mattresses and cervical braces for the treatment and rehabilitation of spinal cord injuries and children with cerebral palsy.



5th World Clubfoot Day



CRP observed 5th World Clubfoot Day on 4th June, 2017. The event was organized by the CRP Ponseti Clinic with the slogan "A world free of clubfoot deformity". CRP's Executive Director, Md. Shafiqul Islam, Dr. Sayeed Uddin Helal, Head of Medical Services Wing, Md. Shahidur Rahman, Head of Support Services, children, their parents and many other CRP staff participated in a rally around CRP. Afterwards each child received a toy.

Celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr at CRP

Every year, CRP arranges many special programmes for spinal cord injury patients on the occasion of Eid. This year, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and Vocational Training Institute (VTI) arranged different events around June 25, the day of Eid-ul-Fitr. The celebrations started just before Eid day itself with the distribution of new clothes. CRP held the largest gathering of Eid prayer for people with disabilities on Eid day, and after prayers the SWD Incharge exchanged greetings with patients. The program ended with a film show in the afternoon.

On the second day of the Eid holiday, CRP staff arranged an outing for patients, their carers and vocational trainees in order to make them feel at home. Everyone enjoyed the programme.



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Renuka Suwal, Nepal
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It has been almost 2 years since I joined the Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI) to pursue my masters degree in Rehabilitation Science. As a part of learning about and practicing an evidenced based rehabilitation methodology here, I volunteered in the Appropriate Paper Based Technology (APT) and Special Seating Unit (SSU) and learnt many innovative concepts regarding rehabilitation.

While working in these units, I learnt about the instruments they use, as well as assessing a patient and taking measurements both theoretically and practically. As a result, I learnt the proper way of designing a special seat according to the need of the patient.

I think it was a great opportunity for me to be a part of CRP. Through the masters course, I didn't only achieve academic success but was also able to explore professional challenges in rehabilitation. Appropriate Paper Based Technology (APT) was a completely new thing for me and I believe every health professional working in the rehabilitation sector should know about these technology. Furniture, toys and therapeutic tools all are made from waste paper and are eco-friendly. These things help patients to become functionally active. The knowledge I have gained during my stay in Bangladesh, will definitely be shared with other professional in my country in near future.

Last but not least, I would like to thank SAARC for providing me a scholarship for this course. I am also thankful to the Incharge of SSU, Iffat Rahaman (Bristy), Sr. Physiotherapist, who allowed me to be a part of the team, and would like to thank the entire SSU and APT teams for allowing me to learn both practically as well as theoretically.



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Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed

Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed is a 73 years old man suffering from Parkinson's disease and degenerative disc disease in the thoracic spine. He is the publisher and Managing Director of United Press Limited (UPL). He came to CRP to obtain a special seat for correcting his postural complications. Iffat Rahaman (Brishtee), Senior Physiotherapist and Incharge of the Special Seating Unit said, "I planned to provide him with a supportive special seat to improve his abnormal sitting posture. Through assessment we found that he had postural mal-alignments (Pelvic obliquity, s-shaped spine). We took his measurements, made a chair and after few trials and fitting sessions, delivered the chair."

After receiving the chair, the existing mal-alignments of his postures dramatically improved. To quote the feedback written by himself, "Although I am strapped and bolted to a special support chair made by experts at CRP-Savar, I feel reasonably comfortable with such an arrangement. Thanks to Brishtee and her experts. Thank you Ms. Taylor for being so thoughtful."

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