

Crown Cement's donation to CRP

On October 27, 2016 Crown Cement Bangladesh donated BDT. 5 lac to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyse (CRP) as their CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activity. This donation was presented for developing a motorised wheelchair for spinal cord injured patients. With this the rehabilitation process of CRP will add another device to its ways of mobilizing patients. Mr. Molla Mohammad Majnu, Additional Managing Director, CCG, Crown Cement handed over the cheque to CRP's Founder and Coordinator, Dr. Valerie A. Taylor. Additional Managing Director Mr. Md. Alamgir Kabir, Director Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman Molla, Board Members and staffs of Crown Cement Group and CRP's Donor Liaison Officer, Kaniz Fatema were also present in the occasion. In addition, Valerie received a crest as a token of honour for her contribution to the disabled people in our society.



CRP's Officials at APOSM 2016



The Asian Prosthetic and Orthotic Scientific Meeting (APOSM) is an international conference whose goal is to provide new information and developments in the fields of prosthetics and orthotics. Since its beginning in 2009, it has become the most recognized and important gathering in its field within the Asia-Pacific region.

This year APOSM was held during November 4th-6th at Coex, Seoul, Korea with over 700 professionals from 45 countries in attendance. During the three day conference educational programs, special presentations and lectures were provided on relevant topics, providing attendees with current knowledge, research findings and technological advances in this diverse field. In addition, there were workshops, symposia, exhibitions, a gala dinner, and opportunities to experience some of Korea's cultural heritage.

CRP's Founder and Coordinator, Dr Valerie Taylor and Muhammad Rezaul Karim, Coordinator-School of Prosthetics & Orthotics, BHPI attended the meeting on behalf of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) Bangladesh. Their attendance was supported by a generous grant from ISPO-Japan and from the President of ISPO-Bangladesh. This conference provided a great opportunity to expand networking among the P&O professionals around the world. CRP-P&O is one of the newest members of this professional community and received much appreciation from expatriate members in attendance.





Women's Wheelchair basketball camp

Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) has organised "Women's Wheelchair Basketball Camp" at CRP-Savar for women with disability. This camp is supported by International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). CRP's Executive Director, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam commenced the camp on November 6, 2016. Shapin Ibne Sayeed, Official, ICRC and other staff of CRP attended the inauguration ceremony. During this two weeks camp total twelve participants with physical disability was trained. Mustafijur Rahman and Nahid Parvez, Sports Trainer of CRP has trained them up and prepare them for upcoming tournaments. It is expected that, this camp will make the trainees competent enough to participate in both national and international level competition.

Annual Sports and Cultural Competition of CRP Vocational Training Institute

Madhab Memorial Vocational Training Institute of CRP organized its annual sports and cultural competition at CRP-Ganakbari on November 15, 2016. The Chairperson of the programme Dr. Valerie A. Taylor, Founder and Coordinator of CRP inaugurated the event. All trainees, trainers and staff participated in the competition actively. The Chief Guest of the programme Muhammad Saiful Islam, Chairman, Dhamsana Union Parishad, Savar, arrived at noon. He was very pleased to see the initiatives of CRP in reintegrating the disabled persons in their community through vocational training. He promised to provide further assistance to CRP in fulfilling its mission and vision.



CRP's MoU with Rotary Club, Dhaka Mahanagar and Akhter Karim Foundation

On November 16, 2016 the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rotary Club, Dhaka Mahanagar (RCDM) and Akhter Karim Foundation to support the educational expenses of ten female students of CRP Nursing College for three years. On behalf of CRP, CRP's Executive Director Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, Runu Chowdhury, Principal, CRP Nursing College and on behalf of RCDM President Rtn Zakir Ahmed Zakir, MPH and an Official from Akhter Karim Foundation jointly signed the MoU. In addition CRP's Donor Liaison Officer and other board of directors of RCDM attended the function.





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Samia dreams to be a doctor

Samia is a young girl aged ten from Jessore who is a student in class 5 and lives with her mother and a brother in her grandparents home. Her father who works in a garment factory left the family and remarried. Samia's grandfather is a mason and faced significant hardships with the addition of three new family members. Her mother began to earn some additional family income as a tailor.

A few months ago Samia was returning from her school by an auto rickshaw when suddenly she became strangled when her scarf was caught in the motor shaft. She lost all body sensation and was immediately taken to Jessore Sadar Hospital. She was subsequently taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where an operation was performed on her neck. After remaining at DMCH for forty days she was referred to CRP for rehabilitation. CRP's multidisciplinary team admitted her as a tetraplegic patient due to her severe cervical injuries.

During her four months stay at CRP she received both therapeutic and counselling services. With the help of her mother, she now has some mobility in a wheelchair and can feed herself with a modified spoon. She has regained limited upper body strength but has no sensation in her lower body and needs ongoing caregiver support for any other physical activities.

With limited income her family lost everything to cover her extensive medical expenses. Her entire treatment and rehabilitation at CRP was covered with the support of generous donors. Having prepared while staying at CRP and with the help of a writer, Samia plans to take her Primary School Certificate (PSC) exam after returning home. She would like to become a doctor someday and with the additional help from some donors she may be able to fulfill her dreams.