

# Moanoghar News Bulletin

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#### Caritas Bangladesh Gives Scholarships to Moanoghar Children

Caritas Bangladesh, through its ALOGHAR (Light House) project, has awarded scholarships to 30 children from Moanoghar. The children will be receiving the scholarship at a monthly rate of 700 taka each, till they complete class V.

The Light House project will continue till 2017 and it is expected that Caritas would provide more scholarships within this period, with new children or to replace the current children who would have passed class V.

The Moanoghar authority expresses its sincere appreciation and thankfulness for this kind support by Caritas, Bangladesh. Their support will make a very important contribution in the lives of the children.



Mr. Mostafa Kamal, Deputy Commissioner, Rangamati Hill Districts, received by the Moanoghar students

## Results of SSC Examinations at Moanoghar High School

The year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) results were published in May. From Moanoghar High School, in total, 132 students participated in the SSC examination. 98 students passed successfully while the remaining 36 students failed. This amounts to a 74% pass rate. The rate is a progression from the last year's performance.

However, it should be mentioned here that almost all the failed students took part as irregular candidates from the previous years or even from other schools. All the students in Moanoghar are from the remote areas of the Chittagong Hill Tracts where virtually there are no functional schools and with families mired in abject poverty, the children rarely have the requisite environment for study.

This poses a daunting challenge to Moanoghar; how to support the students to successfully meet challenges to pass national examinations (such as SSC) whereas most come for admission with academic standard well below of what is necessary.

#### Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The Denis Wright Scholarships were awarded on 25 May 2013 through a small ceremony. The event was held at Moanoghar campus and attended by the honourable Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mr. Mostafa Kamal, Rangamati Hill District as Chief Guest. The Upazilla Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Rangamati upazilla, Ms. Rumana Rahman was present as Special Guest.

The Scholarship is awarded to the girl students in memory of Denis Wright to students for;

- Academic Excellence in Studies
- Best Academic Improvement in the Class, and
- Inspiration to Fellow Students in the School.

A committee comprised of School Teachers, Educationists and Moanoghar hostel caretakers selected the 3 deserving candidates;

- (1) Antara Chakma (Class IX),
- (2) Tuli Dewan (Class VI) and
- (3) Miliprue Marma (Class VIII)

They respectively received the award for Academic Excellence, Best Academic Improvement and Inspiration to the Other Students. The Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships were made available under a project supported by BODHI, Australia.

### **Moanoghar Bakery**

The Moanoghar Bakery started production in limited manner from mid-April. The Bakery produces various pastry products (bread, , these are sold at the nearby corner shop established for this purpose.

The initiative was funded by Manusher Jonno Foundation with a further grant from the D A Campbell Foundation, USA. The company is granted the necessary trade license from the government.



Recipients of Denis Wright Memorial Award 2013

#### Grant Donation to Moanoghar for Higher Education by Mr. Emil Wolter and Macquarie Foundation

Moanoghar gratefully acknowledges the donation from Mr. Emil Wolter of a grant of 1.2 million taka for the Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP). A corresponding amount was further donated by his employer Macquarie Foundation.

Their grant will fund the tertiary level education of 20 students over the next five years.

#### Japanese Language Course Inaugurated

Moanoghar has started from April a 1 year Japanese language course. Moanoghar students and other interested individuals from Rangamati and greater CHT are attending the classes.

The classes are currently held 4 times a week in the evening. The course is free for the Moanoghar students but a small fee is asked from the others which is used to pay for the relevant expenses.

Ms. Sayaka WATANABE, a volunteer from Shizouka University, Japan conducts the classes.