

Denis Wright Memorial Scholarship
for Underprivileged Female Working Children in Bangladesh

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Photos taken by Tahsinah's youngest son Kaushik. She says that Mr. Aftab organized everything perfectly, as usual.



Tahsinah Ahmed, Kohinur Akhter & Brigadier General (ret) Aftab Uddin Ahmed, Executive Director of Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs (UCEP). Sincere thanks to UCEP for arranging the award giving ceremony. Brig Gen Ahmad says, 'UCEP is proud to have been considered for the scholarship .We thank Denis , Susan and Colin. But special thanks to Tahsinah for putting us together.'

Message from Denis

Kohinur Akter - my name is Denis Wright, and I want to congratulate you on being the first student ever to win the Denis Wright Scholarship for Underprivileged Female Working Children in Bangladesh. You've been chosen because we believe you will make good use of the opportunities this Scholarship is offering you.

This award is for you, personally. I'm not going to say to you that this is intended for your family or for your country, because I want you to use it to give yourself the best education that you can have. I would like you to focus on yourself so you can succeed at the highest level that's possible for you.

If you do that, then your family, and your future family, and Bangladesh itself, will benefit from what you have done. We hope the time comes when there will be no underprivileged children in Bangladesh, and no working children - that you will be able to be at school and studying for a good job until you achieve that goal. We know that this is all going to take time, but you are now part of doing that.

We at BODHI are very happy that you have been chosen and we will be proud of what you achieve. Please let us know of your progress.



Tahsinah, Dr. Ubaidur Rob, the Chair of the Board of Governors (also the Country Director of the Population Council), Kohinur and Brig Gen Ahmad

Tahsinah says, 'She was just overwhelmed with joy and gratitude Denis. She gave a wonderful speech thanking you and BODHI. We'll have it translated and sent to you. It was overwhelming for me too, and unlike Kohinur Akhter, I was stammering in my speech.'



Introducing Dr. Denis Wright & BODHI

Message from Tahsinah Ahmed

BODHI (<http://www.bodhi.net.au/>) launched the 'Denis Wright Memorial Scholarship for Underprivileged Working Children in Bangladesh' today, December 21, 2010. BODHI selected UCEP to be the recipient of this award. The scholarship honours Dr. Wright's contribution to and affection for Bangladesh and his

continuous efforts to promote education for disadvantaged girls, especially in the South Asia region. A specialist in South Asian history and culture, Dr. Wright has retired as the Dean of Social Science at the University of New England. Having numerous publications on Bangladesh to his credit, he taught in the Department of South Asian History and was the Editor of the journal 'South Asia'. After retirement, he founded the 'Tabbycats Productions' with his wife Tracy and continues to spread joy, love and peace to the world. It was my great privilege & honour to be able to award the 1st scholarship on behalf of my dear friend Denis. Thank you BODHI!



Awarding the scholarship on behalf of Dr. Denis Wright to Ms. Kohinur Akhter, the 1st recipient of the Dr. Denis Wright Foundation Scholarship



Dr. Ubaidur Rob, the Chair of the Board of Governors (also the Country Director of the Population Council) of UCEP handing over the messages from Ms. Susan Woldenberg & Assc Prof. Colin Butler of BODHI

Message from Colin and Susan

This is Professor Colin Butler and Susan Woldenberg Butler. We represent BODHI. First, we'd like to thank Brigadier General Aftab Uddin Ahmad and everyone else at UCEP for their work in making this scholarship possible. We'd also like to thank Mrs Tahsinah Ahmed, an old friend of Dr Denis Wright's, for all the time and effort she has devoted to making this scholarship happen.

Now we'd like to say hello to Kohinur Akter. Congratulations, Kohinur, on behalf of BODHI for winning our very first scholarship, the Inaugural Denis Wright Scholarship for Underprivileged Female Working Children in Bangladesh. It was a difficult choice. All the applicants were very deserving, but you, Kohinur, stood out.

As Dr Wright says, this scholarship is for you personally. Dr Wright and the rest of us at BODHI want you to use it for yourself, for your own education. It is not intended for your family or anyone else. Like Dr Wright, we would like you to focus on using this for the best education you can have, so you can succeed at the highest level that is possible for you.

BODHI's work in Asia is based on the philosophy of giving a hook, not a fish. We try to provide a way for people to lift themselves from poverty. Kohinur, you have worked hard already to achieve this goal, and BODHI is pleased to help you along the way.

We know we will be proud of you and your achievements. Please keep in touch with us so we can, in turn, inform our supporters of your progress in our newsletter and on our website.

Congratulations, Kohinur, well done.



Kohinur Akhter dreams to be a professional nurse one day