



# DHAKA UNIVERSITY MICROBIOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (DUMAA)

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President, DUMAA



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You may be aware that the department of Microbiology had celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019. It was indeed, a grand and memorable occasion for both the current and the former students of the department. We were really enthralled by the huge participation of our alumni from home and abroad. We appreciate the help and cooperation extended by the alumni and our current students in organizing this mega event. We were actually overwhelmed by the support we had received by our well alumni. We cannot express in words how happy and emotional gathering it was for the alumni after so many years. The celebration was blessed by our senior teachers and renowned personalities who had their contribution in establishing the department. The day long program was full of entertainments and the participation of the alumni and the students in every segment of the program was very much commendable. Among other things, one of the greatest works ever done by the alumni was the establishment of a unified and common platform for all our alumni regardless of where they live. All the alumni and the current students endorsed the notion put forward by Dr. Akter Molla (who was the student of the 1<sup>st</sup> MS batch of Microbiology department) that from henceforth, there will be a unified platform of our alumni and that will be called Dhaka University Microbiology Alumni Association (abbreviated as DUMAA). All the alumni unanimously adopted this resolution by raising their hands and big round of applause. It was decided that DUMAA will be based in the department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka. Professor Dr. Md. Majibur Rahman and Professor Dr. Sabita Rewana Rahman ( current Chairman of the department) were elected as the President and the General Secretary respectively of the newly formed DUMAA and they were given the tasks to form the Executive Committee of DUMAA by accommodating all our stakeholders. It was also decided in the meeting that the alumni living abroad can open up a chapter of DUMAA in their respective countries. However, to avoid any conflict of interest, they must seek written permission from the DUMAA based in the department. In this respect, we must thank DUMAA-USA for their wholehearted initiative and cooperation in forming this unified platform of DUMAA. Special thanks to Dr. AK Azad and Dr. Harunur Rashid Badal the President and the General Secretary respectively of US Chapter of DUMAA for their sincere efforts and hard work which have made this platform to happen after a long time. Apart from the faculties of the department of Microbiology, there are few other names we would like to mention who have played important roles in establishing the department based DUMAA and they are Professor Dr. Ashfaq Hossain, Professor Dr. Golam Morshed, Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque, Professor Dr. Tariqur Rahman, Mr. Nawabur Rahman, Mr. Mohammad Galib and Mr. Abdul Baten.

Well, as you have entrusted us to form the EC and the constitution, we have the pleasure to inform you that we have already drafted a constitution and almost completed the formation of EC. Thanks to Prof. Dr. Sangita Ahmed for making a draft constitution. We had a plan to declare the EC by calling a Press conference and also wanted to unveil a plan as to how we will run this DUMAA incorporating all our key alumni from home and abroad. However, COVID-19 pandemic took us by surprise and everything came to a halt as lockdown was declared all on a sudden.

Despite the fact that COVID-19 is spreading rapidly and the death toll is rising every day, we didn't sit idle DUMAA in association with BSM and US chapter of DUMAA have organized a number of seminars, workshops, symposiums and discussion meetings with scientists and experts from home and abroad via virtual platform. Our main objective was to highlight the role of Microbiologists as frontline scientists in tackling COVID-19 pandemic and other related infectious diseases. All our organizations from home and abroad including the department have been working together to create more jobs for the Microbiologists in health sectors and make sure that our students get due share in every microbiology related jobs. We hope together we can make a better world for our graduates. Just keep patience and raise your voice against any disparity. We are with you. Hope for a better future. Thanks.

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