



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Chancellor of the universities conferring D.Sc. degree on Nobel Laureate Professor Abdus Salam at a special convocation of Dhaka University at Curzon Hall on Sunday. Prof. Emazuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor, standing on the left. —OBSERVER

## Give stress on bio-science for development: Salam

Nobel Laureate Physicist Professor Abdus Salam on Sunday called for laying emphasis on biological science along with physical science for attaining the development of Third World countries including Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Prof. Salam also laid stress on attaining scientific and technological advancement by Bangladesh to overcome impediments to its development.

The 67-year old Pakistani scientist was addressing the special convocation of the Dhaka University, where the Nobel Laureate was conferred with Doctor of Science (D.Sc) Degree Honoris Causa.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who is also the Chancellor of the Dhaka University, conferred the honorary D. SC degree on the eminent physicist at the special convocation, held at Curzon Hall Sunday morning.

Referring to the theory of electroweak interaction, the centre piece of all modern research in particle physics, which earned him the Nobel Prize for physics, Prof. Salam said for the last two years he had been

working on the origin of life and the universe applying his own theory.

Prof. Salam expressed his gratitude and thanks to the Dhaka University authorities for conferring him the degree and added he was proud to receive honour from an institution, having tradition, hard to equal in the entire sub-continent.

### Pays tribute to S.N. Bose

Prof. Salam recalled his association with the Physics Department of Dhaka University and said it was the place where Bose-Einstein in Statistics, so important to understand nature, was born. "I always felt proud to find that my portrait got a place in

the department along with many eminent scientists including S.N. Bose and others who had taught here, he said.

The Nobel Laureate said many brilliant students of the department, now working for international organisations, had made their mark in the field of research on science and technology. In this connection, he mentioned that Bangladeshi scientists, working for the International Centre for Theoretical Physics at Trieste, Italy of which he is the director, had earned international reputation.

He recalled his first visit to Dhaka in 1960 in connection with attending

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All Pakistan Science Conference. Since then I visited Dhaka many times, Prof. Salam said, adding "I always look forward to renewing my fond association with Dhaka, now the capital of a proud nation."

The Nobel Laureate said he was happy to note that the present democratic government had attached priority to setting up the International Centre for Science, Technology and Environment (ICSTED) through incorporating the project in the annual development programme.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia laid the foundation stone of the ICSTED at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on Saturday in the presence of Prof Salam.

Prof. Salam thanked Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who as the Chancellor of the Dhaka University, conferred the degree on him.