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We should pay homage to late Dr. Norman E. Borlaug through work

- Agriculture Minister

Honourable Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, on behalf of the Government of Bangladesh, expressed profound shock at the demise of Nobel Laureate eminent Agricultural Scientist Dr. Norman Borlaug. She advised the scientists to undertake effective experiments and feasibility study with regard to the adoption of any new technology in the greater interest of the country. She called upon the scientists to work with positive attitude especially with regard to the quick adoption of new technology on agriculture. Like Dr. Borlaug we will have to contribute to the agriculture sector through our research efforts and this is the lesson that we should take from the life of this Nobel laureate scientist. The Agriculture Minister said there will be no rise of wheat production unless heat and drought tolerant wheat varieties are developed. She underscored the need for large scale of sugar beat cultivation instead of long duration sugarcane.

She said this while addressing as Chief Guest a memorial meeting on Nobel laureate American born Agricultural Scientist Dr. Norman E. Bolough, held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 10:00 O'clock at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council.

Presided over by BARC Executive Chairman Dr. Wais Kabir the meeting was addressed among others by Scientist Emeratus Dr. Kazi M. Badruddoza, Country Representative of FAO of UN Mr. Ad Spiker, Former Director General, BARI, Dr. Abdur Razzaque, Former Executive Chairman of BARC & Project Director, NATP Dr. M. A. Razzaque, Director General of BLRI Dr. Md. Zahangir Alam Khan and Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidullah Talukder of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh. The meeting was attended among others by the DGs, CSOs, Senior Officers of the NARS Institutes and Officers from other concerned organizations. Among the scientist those who had worked with late Dr. Borlaug, recalled their memories.

Dr. Zahurul Karim, Former Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh presented the key note paper on the life and activities of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. He also referred to the conferring of D.Sc. Degree at a special convocation program held by Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh on 18 April 1998 where the then and present Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was present.

It may be mentioned that Dr. Norman E. Borlaug was born on March 25, 1914 and died on September 12, 2009 at the age of 95 at his residence at Texas, America. He visited Bangladesh several times. The wheat varieties developed by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug yielded three to six times higher and it is believed that the wheat varieties developed by him saved one billion people in the World in 1970. A good number of Bangladeshi agricultural scientists were trained from C.I.M.M.Y.T., Mexico. Besides, Dr. Norman Bolaug has played the pioneering role in introducing wheat in Bangladesh suitable to the climate of this country.

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