

## Eminent citizens seek due recognition for Dr Mahabub

*They speak at a memorial meeting*

The contribution of development economist Dr Mahabub Hossain in Bangladesh's agriculture and rural development is unique, said speakers at a civic condolence meeting yesterday, in the capital's Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh.

At the meeting, organised by a citizens committee, speakers suggested that the state duly recognises Dr Hossain, who died of heart diseases on January 3.

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M Sayeduzzaman, former finance minister at a memorial meeting yesterday in the capital's Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh held in remembrance of development economist Dr Mahabub Hossain's unparallel contribution in Bangladesh's agriculture and rural development. The meeting was attended by other eminent economists, colleagues, friends and relatives. Photo: Star

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“Dr Mahabub was a humble man. He touched lives of many and changed lives of farmers through research and agricultural innovation,” said Dr Badiul Alam Majumder, Shujan secretary.

Dr Mustafizur Rahman, executive director at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), said Dr Mahabub always used to tell the researchers to learn about the lives of the farmers and common people.

Dr Hossain served as head of social science division of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), executive director of Brac, and director general of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), among others.

Dr Shamsul Alam, planning commission member, said the state should recognise and award Dr Mahabub for his immense contrition to the modernisation of the country's agriculture.

Dr QK Ahmad, chairperson, Pally Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), chaired the meeting, which was attended by a galaxy of economists, colleagues, friends and relatives, all paid rich tributes in remembrance of Dr Mahabub.