

PROF. DR. CHOUDHURY MAHMOOD HASAN



Dr. Choudhury Mahmood Hasan, Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, was born on 31st August 1953, in Chittagong District of Bangladesh. He obtained B. Pharm. (Hons) and M. Pharm. (thesis group) degree from the Dhaka University in 1973 (exam. held in 1975) and 1974 (exam. held in 1976) respectively, securing First position in First Class in both the examinations. He received his Ph. D. in Phytochemistry (1982) from the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom. He was awarded Commonwealth Scholarship for doing Ph. D. (1978-1981) in the Univ. of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship (1990-1991) to work as visiting scientist in the same university and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Senior Fellowship (Nov-Dec, 2004) for doing research in Tokushima Bunri University, Tokushima, Japan.

Dr. Hasan joined the Department of Pharmacy, DU, in January, 1978 and progressed through the ranks to Professor in the same department in March, 1992. He was the Chairman of this Dept. from 1992 to 1993. He was the Director of Drug Administration (on deputation from DU), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, from July 1993 to January 1997. He was elected as the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy for two terms from 1999 to 2003. He was the Chairman of BCSIR (Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) from 11th August 2005 to 10th August 2008. He joined Manarat International University as Vice-Chancellor on 13th October, 2012 and serving there till date.

He was the member of Pharmacy Council (1993-1997; 2001-2008) and also the Chairman its Accreditation and Education Committee. Dr. Hasan, as a member of expert committee, played the pivotal role for the inclusion of "herbal drugs" in the National Drug Policy 2005 and later on in Drug Ordinance 2005.

His research focuses on the chemical and biological studies of local medicinal plants with emphasis on structure elucidation of the secondary metabolites by spectroscopic techniques (UV, IR, NMR, MS etc.). So far he supervised/co-supervised the research of few Ph.D and about 60 M. Pharm. students of Dhaka University. He is the main/co-author of **221** peer-reviewed papers published in different international and local scientific journals. He was the chairman/ co-chairman/ plenary lecturer/ presenter/ participator in **49** international seminars/symposia held in **23** countries of the world (including UK, USA, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Sweden, Spain, Australia etc.). For his outstanding contribution in medicinal plant research and in biological science he was awarded Habibur Rahman Gold Medal 2003, Bangladesh Academy of Science Gold Medal 2006 (senior group), Chandrabati Gold Medal 2007 and Atish Dipankar Gold Medal 2008.

Dr. Hasan is a member of American Chemical Society(ACS), American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP), Royal Society of Chemistry (RCS) and fellow of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS).