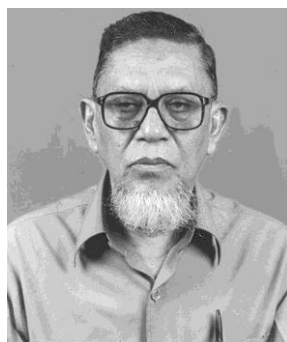


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Professor Dr. Muhammad Abdul Aziz Khan
(1st February, 1931 - 28th March, 2012)

Professor Dr. Muhammad Abdul Aziz Khan was born in Pabna on 1st February, 1931. He obtained M. Sc. degree in Botany from University of Dhaka in 1951. He joined as Research Associate in the Department of Botany, University of Dhaka in 1951 and was appointed as Lecturer in 1955, Senior Lecturer in 1964 and Reader in 1969 in the same department. Professor Khan obtained Ph.D. degree from Cambridge University, UK in 1965. In 1977, he obtained Commonwealth Staff Fellowship for conducting research in St. Andrews University, Scotland, UK.

In 1973, Professor Khan joined the newly established Department of Botany, Chittagong University as Associate Professor and founder Head of the Department. He was promoted to Professor of Botany, Chittagong University in 1974 and served as the Chairman of the Department till 1981.

His area of specialization was Plant Physiology. Professor Khan carried out research in respiratory metabolism, physiological ecology, horticulture and agronomy. He supervised 43 M.Sc., one M.Phil. and one Ph.D. students. Professor Khan published 75 research articles in national and international journals. He wrote two text books and two books on Education and Agriculture.

Professor Khan was elected as Dean, Faculty of Science and served as Vice Chancellor, from 1980 - 1981 and 1981 - 1985, respectively in Chittagong University.

Besides being successful teacher and researcher, Professor Khan became the President of Bangladesh Botanical Society (1993 - 1997) and established Plantation Club, Bangladesh in 1996 and acted as a founder Chairman. He was awarded Eminent Botanist Gold Medal 2005 by Bangladesh Botanical Society. He was the Fellow of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences. Professor Khan attended many scientific conferences in different countries including UK, Belgium, France, Germany, Australia, Africa, Jamaica, Thailand, Austria, India, Pakistan, Japan and USA.

Professor Khan breathed his last at 7:20 a.m. on 28th March, 2012 in Dhaka at the age of 81. He left behind two sons and one daughter. He will be remembered by his students, friends, colleagues and others for his simple and polite behaviour and excellent human qualities. May Allah rest his departed soul in peace.