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Moeen meets chairman of AUW Support Foundation

Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed on a visit to Boston met Jack R Meyer, chairman of the Board of the Asian University for Women Support Foundation and senior managing partner & CEO of the hedge fund Convexity Capital, at his office at the John Hancock Building on Tuesday, says a press release.

Meyer, the immediate past president of the Harvard Management Company -- the group that manages the \$34 billion endowment of Harvard University -- welcomed General Moeen to Boston, appraised him of the ambitious plans for the establishment of the Asian University for Women in Chittagong which he described as "a world class institution" with "world class facilities and faculty" that would offer both undergraduate and graduate professional education for women drawn from throughout Asia.

He noted that it was expected that at least one half of the students would be on full scholarship and the wide diversity of cultures, languages, religions and socio-economic backgrounds would also be captured in the student population.

He also reported that the University's preparatory programme, the Access Academy, will open in Chittagong in rented facilities in March 2008 while the campus design and construction tasks are completed over the next two to three years.

General Moeen commented that he was deeply interested in the establishment of the Asian University for Women and offered to help in every way he can to expedite the launch of the University.

General Moeen and Meyer exchanged views on a series of issues relating to land allocation and transfer and tax exemption to be provided by the government to the university under the provisions of its Charter as ratified through an Act of the parliament in Bangladesh that still remain pending.

General Moeen said that "If people in Boston and elsewhere are striving to build a university for women in Bangladesh, surely Bangladesh cannot permit on-the-ground barriers to delay or otherwise adversely affect its implementation."

Meyer expressed his great appreciation for General Moeen's support and accepted General Moeen's invitation to visit Bangladesh before the end of the year.



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