REPORT ON THE VISIT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR TO
CHITTAGONG VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH

Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the 12th Annual Scientific Conference - 2015

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Introduction:
The Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) visited the Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU), Chittagong, Bangladesh between April 25, 2015 and April 27, 2015 to participate in the following events.

1. To attend the World Veterinary Day (WVD) celebrations as chief guest

The Vice-Chancellor completed the trip successfully as contemplated and approved by the Board of Management and His Excellency Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the University. A brief report about the visit, the tangible outcomes of the same and future activities as a follow up are provided herewith.

Preamble:
TANUVAS and CVASU – A long standing relationship:

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University has a long standing relationship with Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, which extends to nearly fifteen years. Both the Universities were the first Universities of such kind started in their respective countries and are leaders in the field of veterinary and animal husbandry. However, TANUVAS by virtue of being the first veterinary university to be started in Asia in 1989 and with excellent infrastructure for education, research, extension and clinical services is
assisting CVASU in providing internship training to final year undergraduate students and also human resource development since 2000. In this regard, every year 45-60 students from CVASU are provided with clinical training in the Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complexes at the Veterinary Colleges of TANUVAS. Further, few faculty from CVASU have also obtained their Ph.D. from this University. Both the Universities were partners in a DelPHE sponsored programme on development of common veterinary curriculum for south Asian countries in cooperation with other SAARC countries. Under this programme, the University has provided assistance to CVASU to design the curriculum of their undergraduate programme and also in the creation of a network of veterinary institutions in South Asia. Further, TANUVAS provides technical expertise to CVASU annually during their annual scientific conference. Faculty from TANUVAS used to provide technical assistance in clinical training. The relationship is a time tested and long lasting one with scope for further strengthening. It is with this view, the Vice-Chancellor has visited CVASU and every effort was taken to ensure that the relationship continues for the mutual benefit of both the Universities.

**Details of visit and activities carried out:**

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<td>1. Participated in the world veterinary day celebrations.</td>
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              2. Delivered a lead paper on *Food safety and security issues with special reference to livestock products - an overview*.  
              3. Acted as chairman of a scientific session in the 12th Annual Scientific Conference.  
| **27.04.2015** | 4. Visited the Teaching Veterinary Hospital of the CVASU.  
              5. Held informal discussions with the Vice-Chancellor, Deans and Directors of CVASU and FAO Consultant on One Health in Bangladesh Dr. Nitish C. Debnath.  
              6. Formalised the conduct of training in veterinary obstetrics and gynaecology provided by a faculty from TANUVAS.  

**Excerpts from the talks delivered and scientific papers presented:**

1. Inaugural talk of the world veterinary day celebrations:  
   a. Significance of celebrating the last Saturday of April of every year as World Veterinary Day as suggested by the World Veterinary Association.  
   b. History behind WVD celebrations since the beginning of this millennium.
c. Additional roles to veterinarians other than providing health care – namely ensuring food security by augmenting production from animals, public health and prevention of zoonosis, one world one health etc.
d. Rational behind the theme for celebration “Vector-borne diseases with a zoonotic potential”
e. Status of vector borne zoonotic diseases in Indian sub-continent like Japanese encephalitis (JE), chikungunya, scrub typhus, leishmaniasis, malaria etc.
f. Risk associated with re-emerging zoonotic diseases
g. Impact of climate change on incidence of vector borne diseases
h. Need for establishment of BSL-IV laboratories and cooperation between physicians and veterinarians.

2. Lead paper on Food safety and security issues with special reference to livestock products - an overview
   a. Contribution from livestock to the agricultural GDP of countries in South Asia.
   b. Issues concerned with food security in South Asian countries consequent to globalization, WTA implementation, climate change etc.
   d. Food standards in the context of global standards prescribed by OIE and FAO.
   e. Potential for export of livestock products from India.

   g. Implementation of HACCP and ISO standards in Food Safety.

**Major tangible outcomes and future strategies**

1. Strengthening of the relationship between TANUVAS and CVASU in the areas of clinical training and veterinary human resource development.

2. Improvements to Teaching Veterinary Hospital of CVASU

3. Joint educational and research programmes in the areas of animal health and clinical training.
Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the World Veterinary Day celebrations

Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the awareness procession
Vice-Chancellor visiting the Teaching Veterinary Hospital of CVASU

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