

## Editorial

Our global village is becoming terribly aggressive. The ongoing economic crisis, poverty, environmental pollution and the looming dangers of climate change threaten the progress towards Millennium Development Goal. Extreme materialism the immediate product of the technological advancement has created a tendency towards following an ‘aspire and achieve’ philosophy. Unfortunately service- oriented institutions are also turning into money- producing machine. Bangladesh Bioethics Society wants to bring a gradual positive change of this unfavorable climate. This idea is prompted by aspiration of humanity. Articles of the second issue of journal of Bangladesh Bioethics Society depict an idealism of promotion and protection of human dignity and pursuit of peace and social justice.

This journal contains Plato’s notion of human nature and morality; relation of bio-ethics with agricultural and environmental ethics, ethical issues related to informed consent-whether informed consent is a moral obligation, legal necessity, patient’s rights and autonomy. We feel that medical establishment needs the discipline of systematic consumer input in order to function as an accountable and responsive health care system.

The journal also covers ethical aspects of tissue banking in Bangladesh which must follow the elimination of the trauma and morbidity of the patients. In order to build a just, sustainable and healthful society practice of bio-ethics is essential. The faculty of bio-ethics may be developed in a community through education, practice and research. Article on Animal research in diabetes and ethical consideration depicts that all scientific research involving the use of animals should begin with an ethical focus by examining the risk-benefit ratio.

Our collective pursuit for peace and justice will continue. Peace is the necessary prerequisite for sustainable human development and for equitable access to resources and services. We must cultivate the spirit of optimism, a feeling of hope in the future that is to come.

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