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THE DAILY STAR & HSBC HOST THE 23rd O & A LEVEL AWARDS

Saluting the Nation Builders of Tomorrow

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) and Daily Star hosted the O & A level Awards on 24th February 2024 at the Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka. For English medium students of Bangladesh, this is the most valued recognition for their academic excellence. The 23rd annual awards ceremony was jointly organised by The Daily Star and HSBC.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of **Muhammed Zafar Iqbal**, Chief Guest and eminent professor, **Matt Cannell**, Acting High Commissioner at British High Commission Dhaka, **Mahfuz Anam**, Editor & Publisher of The Daily Star and **Md Mahbub ur Rahman**, Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bangladesh. The event recognized approximately 2500 students, who were accompanied by more than 5000 family members.

The Daily Star has been holding the O & A level Awards Presentation Ceremony every year since 1999. Edexcel and Cambridge are the academic partners for this endeavour.

Commenting on the initiative, **Md Mahbub ur Rahman** said, "Recognizing the excellence of academeia of international standard by the students of Bangladesh is well reflected in this event. With 'O level and A level' exams being a universal and global standard, the pursuit of upskilling must continue for these young talents to become truly international in today's globalized world. At HSBC, we are delighted to join hands with this initiative and help opening up the world of opportunities for the nation builders of tomorrow".

Regarding this initiative, **Tanmi Haque**, Country Head of Wealth and Personal Banking, HSBC Bangladesh said, "We know that the world of opportunity awaits these young leaders. Through the International connectivity that HSBC's Personal Banking products provide, we hope that HSBC can be a part of their growth journey".

HSBC's International Education Services aims to provide customised banking solutions to students going abroad for higher education. Through its comprehensive suite of services, (comprising financial solutions, personalised advice and global connectivity), HSBC is committed to facilitating the ambitions of students who aspire to pursue their academic goals abroad.

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