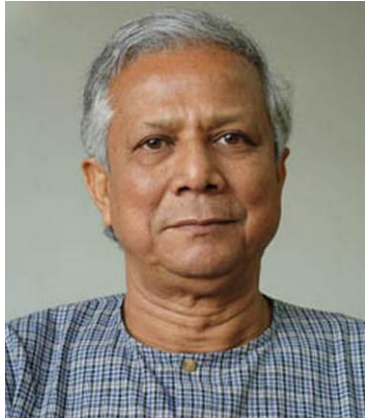


Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace prize winner in 2006, visits KTH:

Date: June 18, 2011

Time: 1800-2000

Place: Aula A, KTH-Forum, Isafjordsgatan 39, Kista



Muhammad Yunus is a Bangladeshi economist and founder of the Grameen Bank, an institution that provides microcredit to empower the disadvantaged women. Dr Yunus has been applying ICT tools to change the fate of the poor people. ICT has the wonderful capacity to empower an individual person, even the poorest person. <http://www.itu.int/wisd/2006/award/statements/yunus.html>.

School of Technology and Health at KTH has had projects with Grameen Communications to empower the rural people using ICT tools. The projects have developed rural ICT centres of international standard with the most modern ICT facilities in rural Bangladesh. Today, the rural ICT centres are delivering regular e-Health and e-Learning services. Through video conference system the disadvantaged women, health workers, teachers and students in the rural areas are getting the benefits from the experts from the respective disciplines. Regular sessions for awareness development include the delivery of lectures and workshops to multiple sites using videoconferencing system. Educational sessions also involve the delivery of on line and pre-recorded lectures to health care providers, health workers, pregnant women and mothers of infants and the students at the rural school.

Programme at Kista on June 18, 2011:

1) Time: 1800-1900: Open Seminar

a. ICT for rural development through e-Health and e-Learning:

Participants: Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Dr. Björn Pehrsson, Dr. Björn-Erik Erlandsson, Dr. Mannan Mridha, Dr. Heikki Teriö, Mr. Rustam Nabiev

b. Presentation of Social business by Dr. Mohammad Yunus and Jan Lapidoth

Discussions on how NRB can promote social business in Bangladesh and how Yunus Centre in Dhaka can cooperate with such initiatives.

2) Time: 1900-2000: Cultural programme with songs and dances from Bangladesh

3) Time: 2000-2030: Bangladeshi snacks

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