

## **Short Life Sketch of Professor M Safiul Haq**

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Professor Haq is an outstanding statistician of Bangladeshi origin. His illustrious teaching career started in the Department of Statistics, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh. He has made significant contribution to various fields of statistics. His research areas include the following: Structural Inference, Marginal Likelihood Inference, Prediction Analysis, Life-testing Models, Distribution Theory, Bayesian Inference and Multivariate Analysis. Being an internationally recognized expert on structural inference, he has authored and co-authored books and a large number of publications in many international statistical journals. Some of the highly rated journals where he had published more than 50 papers include: Annals of Mathematical Statistics, Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Multivariate Analysis, Sankhya, Statistika Neerlandica, Communications in Statistics, Statistical Papers etc. He has attended numerous conferences / meetings as invited speaker / discussant / organizer of technical sessions in Canada, United States, Sweden, Germany, France, Japan and Bangladesh.

Professor Haq is an Elected Member of the International Statistical Institute and is also an Elected Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. He has served as an Associate Editor for Journal of Applied Statistical Sciences, Journal of Statistical Research and Journal of Statistical Studies. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of International Journal of Statistical Research. Professor Haq has been a referee for the following international statistical journals: Canadian Journal of Statistics, Annals of Statistical Mathematics, Annals of Statistics, Journal of Multivariate Analysis, Journal of Statistical Research, Statistical Papers, Communications in Statistics, Journal of Applied Statistical Science, Pakistan Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research, Arab J. of Mathematical Sciences.

With his glorious achievement in the field of statistics, however, Professor Haq never forgot his obligation towards his motherland, Bangladesh. Professor Haq had produced a significant number of Ph.D. students. His students are Dr. A. S. M Rahman (Health and Welfare, Government of Canada, Ottawa), Dr. S. Rinco, (Late Chair of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of New Brunswick, Canada),



Receiving a token gift from the Department of Statistics, Rajshahi University, 1980  
(Prof. K M Hossain to the left and to the right Mrs. Haq and Prof. H Hossain)

Dr. V. M. Ng (Australia), Dr. E. H. Gan (Faculty in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Dr. Shahjahan Khan (University of Southern Queensland, Australia), Dr. B. M. Golam Kibria (Florida International University, USA), Dr. Lehana Thabane (McMaster University, Canada) and Dr. Hafiz Khan (2003, University of Western Ontario, Canada). Incidentally, Professor Haq has produced the highest number of Bangladeshi Ph. D. students as the major advisor. He spent six months on sabbatical at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh during 1980-81. Now at the age of 69 he is still serving International Journal of Statistical Science as its Editor - in - Chief. This proves his passion for statistics as well as his love and commitment towards Bangladesh.

Professor Haq's contribution to the University of Western Ontario [UWO] as well as to the statistical community are outstanding. He truly possesses an exceptionally pleasant personality which is equally admired by his colleagues, friends, students and well wishers. Once his Ph D Thesis supervisor and mentor Professor D. A. S. Fraser remarked: "Haq is the nicest person I have ever seen" !