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Message

As Bangladesh advances towards a new era of healthcare excellence, strengthening specialised medical services and expanding access to life-saving treatment remain important national priorities.

Against this backdrop, the 6th Bangladesh-Korea Conference in Dhaka on Organ Transplantation is a timely initiative, as it will help strengthen international cooperation, advance transplantation medicine and enhance specialised healthcare services in Bangladesh.

The growing prevalence of kidney disease and other non-communicable diseases presents a significant challenge to public health. Addressing this challenge requires not only prevention and early diagnosis, but also greater capacity in advanced treatment and transplantation medicine.

Conferences such as this help foster the knowledge, skills and international partnerships needed to achieve that objective.

Our government remains committed to making specialised healthcare more accessible and affordable. As part of this effort, we have exempted imported dialysis filters from the 15 per cent VAT and 5 per cent advance tax, while also withdrawing the 7.5 per cent advance tax on dialysis tubing sets in the new national budget (2026-27).

These measures are expected to reduce the cost of a dialysis session by approximately Tk 800, bringing tangible relief to patients and their families.

The future of modern healthcare lies in innovation, research and collaboration. I am confident that this conference will contribute to the

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advancement of organ and tissue transplantation services, strengthen professional cooperation between Bangladesh and Korea, and ultimately improve the lives of countless patients.

I congratulate the organisers on this valuable initiative and wish the conference every success.


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