**Professor Abu Taleb Khan takes over as the new Vice-Chancellor.**

**Press Release**

Professor Abu Taleb Khan took charge as the Vice-Chancellor of Aliah University, Kolkata replacing his former Professor Syed Samsul Alam on the 1st of October 2013. He is also an eminent professor of Chemistry for a period of seventeen years at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati.

Shortly after assuming charges, he interacted with the student, some of the faculty members and officials on his vision of academic excellence. Professor Khan highlighting academic atmosphere said “ It is important to have a proper academic atmosphere for the overall development of students and teachers. Aliah University has the prospective to be one of the top universities in India and I shall put all my dedication. However, to achieve this goal I need the support of all my students, faculty members and well wishers.”

He stressed the need of proper infrastructure and facilities for the overall development of the students and teachers and especially the Muslim community. He aims to create research programmes and laboratory infrastructure to attract good students at the university.

Madrasah-e-Aliah was founded in 1780 but was uplifted to a state controlled and autonomous Aliah university in 2008. Emphasizing its rich heritage, he has promised to carry forward the legacy and culture. He also sincerely thanked all those teachers, officials, non-teaching staff and the students who had contributed to bring the university to its present state of glory and solicits further co-operation in his attempt to bring greater glories to the institution.

Professor Khan received his PhD degree in 1990 from Kalyani University in West Bengal. In his research career, he has published more than a hundred research papers in international journals of repute and has successfully guided thirteen PhD scholars. He is a Council member of CSRI and a recipient of several awards including the prestigious AvH Fellowship conferred by the Govt. of Germany.

He held various administrative posts and previously served as the Dean of faculty affairs at IIT Patna, as the JEE chairman and the Head of Chemistry Department at IIT Guwahati. He was also appointed in the Board of Members in both IIT Guwahati and IIT Patna.