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

**Press Release**

Professor Abu Taleb Khan has taken over charge as the Vice-Chancellor of Aliah University, Kolkata from Professor Syed Samsul Alam with effect from 1st of October 2013. Prior to joining at Aliah University, Professor Khan has served at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati for a period of seventeen years in the Department of Chemistry.

After joining the University, Professor Khan visited all the campuses where academic programmes are running and interacted with the students, faculty members and officials. He shared his vision of academic excellence during interactions. Professor Khan impressed upon creating academic atmosphere conducive for teaching and research. He said “It is important to have a very conducive academic atmosphere for the overall development of the University. Aliah University has the potential to become one of the top universities in India and I shall be working with full dedication and putting continuous efforts in this direction. However, to achieve this goal I need the support of all my students, faculty members and well wishers.”

Professor Khan also stressed upon the need of state-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities for the overall development of the University and its stakeholders as well as students coming especially from minority communities. His aim is to create research environment with modern laboratory infrastructure to attract good students for pursuing Ph. D. degree at the University.

Madrasah-e-Aliah was established in 1780 and was upgraded to a state controlled and autonomous Aliah university in 2008. Emphasizing on its rich heritage and generous objectives, Professor Khan has promised to carry forward the legacy and culture of this great institution. He also sincerely thanked all those teachers/faculties, officials, non-teaching staff members, the students and others, who had contributed to bring the university to its present state of glory and solicits further co-operation in his attempt to place the University in top league of renound Institution of the country and world.

Professor Khan received his Ph.D. degree in 1990 from Kalyani University. He has published more than a hundred research papers in various international journals of repute and has supervised thirteen doctoral candidates. He is a Council Member of CSRI and a recipient of several awards including the prestigious AvH Fellowship conferred by the Govt. of Germany.

Before joining Aliah University, Professor Khan has held various administrative positions such as the Dean of Faculty Affairs at IIT Patna, the Chairman, Joint Entrance Examination, and the Head, Department of Chemistry at IIT Guwahati. He has also served as member on the Board of Governors of IIT Guwahati and IIT Patna.