

## Invitation Letter





## Discovering COVID, the beginning & beyond by Professor Albert Osterhaus

## Dear Distinguished Guest

We're honored to invite you to a special public lecture titled "Discovering COVID: The Beginning & Beyond" by Professor Albert Osterhaus on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at Senate Bhaban, Dhaka University.

Professor Osterhaus is one of the world's leading virologists, best known for discovering SARS-CoV-1 and shaping the global response to zoonotic pandemics. With over 1,350 publications and several successful biotech ventures, his work bridges science and real-world impact.

This event presents a unique opportunity for Dhaka University to engage with cutting-edge thinking on pandemic preparedness, global health innovation, and the growing bioeconomy—areas highly relevant to Bangladesh's future.

Your presence would greatly enrich the discussion and help foster global collaboration.

Warm regards,

Professor Dr. Mamun Ahmed, Pro-vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Dhaka Registration Link



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Date: 17 April, 2025 | 10 AM (Thursday)

## Program Schedule

9.30 AM- 10.00 AM	Arrival & Registration
10.00 AM – 10.05 AM	Welcome Address: Professor Dr. Mamun Ahmed, Pro-vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Dhaka
10.05 AM- 10.15 AM	Brief presentation on the research activities undertaken during COVID-19 Pandemic by the University of Dhaka- Dr. Mahmud Hossain. Professor. Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
10.15 AM – 10.45 AM	Keynote Speech: Professor Albert Osterhaus, Research Center for Emerging Infections and Zoonoses, Hannover, Germany
$10.45\mathrm{AM} - 10.50\mathrm{AM}$	Speech of Special Guest: Professor Dr. Md. Selim Reza, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Dhaka
$10.50\mathrm{AM} - 10.55\mathrm{AM}$	Speech of Special Guest: Professor Dr. Md. Enamul Haque, Dean, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Dhaka
10.55 AM – 11.05 AM	Speech of Chief Guest: Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka
11.10 AM- 11.20 AM	Concluding Remarks: Professor Dr. Mamun Ahmed, Pro-vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Dhaka