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Scientists urged to build happy, prosperous nation

The 14th National Science and Technology Week concluded in Dhaka on Tuesday reports BSS.

The socio-economic uplift and control of environment."

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof. A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury attended the closing ceremony of the week as chief guest at the National Science Museum in Dhaka.

State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan was the special guest in the function, which was presided over by the Secretary of the Science and Technology Division Abul Hashem.

Prof Chowdhury called upon the young scientists to put in their endeavours to utilize science and technology for building a happy and prosperous nation and alleviating poverty.

"You must be imbued with the spirit of patriotism," urged the young scientists.

Prof. Chowdhury said the national progress and prosperity of a developing country like Bangladesh depended on how science and technology were used in the practical life to meet the basic needs. He said the BNP government attached top priority on the development of science and technology.

The Minister in this regard recalled that Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had established the Science and Technology Division for the development of science.

The government of late Ziaur Rahman introduced science and technology week for the first time in Bangladesh in 1978 for imparting science education to children and for the development of their innovative faculty.

The State Minister for Education said science and technology had been working as the driving force in the development process in the present day world.

He urged the scientists to devote themselves for the solution of the basic needs of the people.

Principal Yunus Khan said the overall development of the nation would depend on the progress in the fields of science and technology.

Two young scientists M. Akramul Hafiz Chowdhury (Rajshahi) and Mirin Aktar Panna (Patuakhali) also spoke on the occasion.

Later, Prof B. Chowdhury distributed prizes among the winners of the competition organised on the occasion of the week.

The science and technology week was inaugurated by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on July 6.