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### **Need for research on Persian language emphasised**

Education Adviser Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui Friday laid emphasis on research and study on Persian language and literature for enriching our own literature and culture, reports BSS.

Persian literature has been a part of our heritage for centuries, he added.

The Adviser was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of a seminar in commemoration of the millennium of the compilation of Shahnameh by the great Iranian Poet Hakim Abul Kashem Ferdousi held at a hotel in Dhaka.

Sponsored by the Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dhaka in collaboration with Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO, the function was presided over by Education Secretary A.N.M. Eusuf.

Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Mohammad Ganji Doost, Bangladesh Ambassador to Iran Rezaul Karim, Director of Proap, UNESCO Hedayet Ahmed and Secretary of the UNESCO Commission Abdul Selim also spoke on the occasion.

Prof. Siddiqui said Persian language and literature was deeply rooted in our culture for centuries together. He said Ferdowsi became famous not only in Iran but in the whole of the world through compilation of Shahnameh which was followed by many poets in our sub-continent.