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UNAB holds seminar on literacy decade

A seminar on International Literacy Decade was held under the auspices of the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) on Sunday at the auditorium of the United Nations Information Centre, says a Press-release.

Mr. Hedayet Ahmed, Director, UNESCO's Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific countries was the Chief guest. Mr. A.N.M. Yusuf, Secretary, Ministry of Education, and Mr. Winston Temple, Acting Resident Representative, UNDP was special guest speakers. Professor Abdus Selim, Secretary, Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO presented a paper on literacy.

The UNAB seminar on International Literacy Decade was presided over by senior educationist Professor Neelima Ibrahim and was addressed by Dr. A.M. Sharfuddin. Professor Salahuddin Ahmed, Syed Ahmad Hossain, Secretary-General, United Nations Association of Bangladesh and Mr. Mohammad Abdus Samad, Lecturer, Jagannath College.

Mr. Hedayet Ahmed in his keynote addresses outlined the role of UNESCO in eradicating illiteracy in developing countries particularly in Asia and Pacific region and reiterated the firm commitment of UNESCO for world-wide literacy campaign. Hedayet Ahmed in his speech also emphasized on political will of the Member-States of UN pleaded for economic and social development for eradicating illiteracy.

Mr. Winston Temple in his speech lauded the role of the Non-Governmental Organisations for world wide literacy campaign.