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Education policy to be formulated on consensus

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Education Minister A.S.H.K. Sadek on Friday said that the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had taken up steps to formulate an education policy following the guidelines of the "Dr. Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission" report to turn the country's population into effective human resources.

Inaugurating a workshop titled "Dr. Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission Report and our education system" at the TSC of Dhaka University, he said one of the main objectives of the proposed education policy was to promote the country's education to the international standard to keep pace with the advancing world.

The day-long workshop was organised by Bangladesh College-University Teachers Samity to review the Dr. Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission Report and recommend the government about the syllabus curriculum, examination and evaluation

system, financing of the educational institutions and the service rules of the teachers.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Syed Abul Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof. Abdul Mannan, Vice-Chancellor of National University Prof. Aminul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of Open University Prof. Mohammad Aminul Islam, among others, took part in the workshop. President of the association, Dr. M. Akhtaruzzaman, chaired the workshop.

Mr. Sadek in his speech also said that the recommendation which will be sent from this workshop will be received by the Ministry of Education and an applicable education policy will be formulated in the light of this recommendation. "The

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education policy will be formulated on the basis of national consensus.

Prof. Abul Kalam Azad Chowdhury in his speech emphasised the technical education and said that to keep pace with the faster world the technical education should be included in the education policy.

Prof. Abdul Mannan said Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission report was well enough among the other commission reports but to make it up to date some changes were needed. "To make our future generation fit for the twenty first century an up to date education policy is needed", he added.

Prof. Mohammad Aminul Islam in his speech stressed the need for immediate formulation of a national education policy and said that in the education policy a guideline should be given so that it could play an important role to develop our rural economy by eradicating illiteracy and poverty.

The workshop was divided into five sessions. A large number of teachers took part in the workshop.