

New education policy good : Shah Aziz

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By A Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahmar on Monday said that the education policy, now being framed with emphasis on scientific and technological education, would be announced soon.

He was inaugurating a two-day first national conference of Bangladesh Technical Education Directorate Employees Association at Teachers' Training College Auditorium. Presided over by Mr Abdur Rahim Khan, President of the association, the inaugural function was also addressed by Mr Golam Mostofa, General Secretary of the association and Mr Tozammel Ali, President of Institute of Diploma Engineers.

The Prime Minister said that the Government attached great importance to technical and scientific education considering the need of the hour. He said that the present system of education could not be but called a system to produce clerks and that only helped increase the rate of unemployment.

Shah Aziz said that under the new education policy, technical education would be provided to primary and secondary schools and Madrasas so that students, both coming out and drop out, could find some work in their practical life. Besides polytechnic institutes would be established in each thana for extending vocational and technical education, he said.

The Prime Minister said that the success of the second Five-Year Plan which would be launched from next June would largely depend on tech-

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nical personnel. "you are the main architect of the country" he told the technical hands.

Shah Aziz said that the services of the technical personnel could not be compared with others because they were directly engaged in production.

He said that a committee would be formed within a day or two in the ministry of education to consider the demands of the technical education employees. The committee would discuss with the representatives of the association and try to solve their genuine problems within the limited resources available to the government he said.

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