

New education policy on anvil, says Sadique

Education Minister A S K H Sadique said a guideline for appropriate use of science and technology would be incorporated in the new education policy now on the anvil, reports UNB.

Referring to a long-cherished high-tech project—the Ruppur Nuclear Power Project—he said it could play an important role in meeting the country's demand of power energy. The government is considering it with much importance.

The Minister was inaugurating a fortnight-long National Training Course on "Radiation Control" at the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission's auditorium Saturday.

He said the new government was fully aware of the role of science and technology in socio-economic uplift and improving standard of living.

"It is committed to taking all possible steps for ensuring sound environment and good health for the people apart from attaining economic growth," he added.

Sadique said the use of radiation technology was increasing in various sectors in the country, including agriculture, industry, healthcare, and

preservation of food in the country.

It is essential to acquire knowledge regarding the risks of radiation and handling radio-active materials in order to preserve health and environment, he said.

In this regard professionals and technicians who are involved in these activities should be provided with proper education and training.

Addressing the function, Member (Physical Science) of the Commission Dr. M A Wazed Mia said increasing use of nuclear materials and radio-active substances have a great risk of harmful effect on health and environment.

Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission Engineer M A Quaium, while giving his presidential speech, said a draft law for nuclear safety and radiation control was formulated last year. It is now awaiting government approval.

A total of 29 professionals, including scientists, physicians, engineers, researchers and administrative officials from government and non-government organisations, are taking part in the course.