

## 120pc enrollment in technical edu by 2020

Hopes Education Minister Nahid

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Education Minister yesterday stressed the need for participation of students in technical education and giving social recognition to technically educated persons.

"Technical and vocational education can open up a new horizon for new generation and can contribute to our economy," he said.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a job fair inaugural programme at Dhiaka Mohila Polytechnic Institute in Agargaon, said a press release. The fair was organised with the support of Skills and Training Enhancement project.

The minister said "I hope students' enrollment in technical education would be upgraded to 20 percent within 2020 as technical knowledge will help young generation build themselves as skilled manpower." Currently, 13.11 percent students are taking technical education which was only 1.2 percent in 2008, he added.

Additional secretary to the Ministry of Education AS Mahmud, Director General of the Department of Technical Education Ashok Kumar Biswas and representatives from different renowned industries were present at the fair.