

## Educational ties with Non-aligned states stressed

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Bangladesh played a "very significant role" at the five-day first conference of the Ministers of Education and Culture of the Non-aligned and other developing countries which concluded last week in Pyongyang, the capital of Democratic Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Minister for Education Dr. Abdul Majeed Khan, who returned Dhaka on Sunday after attending the conference as leader of a three member Bangladesh delegation made the observation while talking with BSS.

Bangladesh was elected Vice-Chairman of the conference representing the Asian group and was also elected to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the Asian group at the inaugural session of the conference on September 24, the Minister said pointing to the valuable contribution made by the Bangladesh delegation in the conference.

While addressing the inaugural session of the conference on behalf of the Asian states the Education Minister Dr. M. A. Khan reiterated Bangladesh government's firm adherence to and unflinching support for the principles of Non aligned Movement.

The Minister stressed the need for greater collaboration

of educational and cultural experience and the sharing of information through free flow of media for the better achievement of the solidarity of the movement.

The Education Minister made a call at the conference to attach primary importance to the strengthening of the educational and cultural systems of the Non aligned and the other developing countries. He said the essential tenets of the Non-aligned Movement were (Continued on page 12 col 2)

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ignity equality territorial integrity non interference and non intervention in the internal affairs of the states non use of force and peaceful settlement of disputes would be better utilised through such efforts.

To on these principles of Non alignment the Minister told the conference it was absolutely essential to develop closer relationship and deeper understanding of the educational and cultural experiences amongst the member countries.

Dr Khan expressed the hope that the sharing of educational and cultural experience would help to identify areas of more meaningful cooperation for the achievement of national self reliance of the members of the Non aligned Movement.