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DU, China launch joint ocean research initiative

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Speakers, guests and participants pose for a group photo at a seminar on Dhaka University campus in the capital on Tuesday. | Press release photo

Dhaka University and China's First Institute of Oceanography on Tuesday launched a joint research initiative aimed at strengthening ocean monitoring, environmental modelling and blue economy development in Bangladesh.

The programme was inaugurated at a seminar organised by the International Centre for Ocean Governance of Dhaka University under the HEAT ATF Sub-Project 13025, said a press release.



DU vice-chancellor Professor ABM Obaidul Islam attended the event as chief guest. He stressed the importance of international cooperation in oceanography, coastal environment monitoring and climate resilience, saying Bangladesh-China scientific collaboration has opened new opportunities in marine resource management, coastal risk reduction and sustainable development.

He noted that the deployment of GNSS buoys in the Andaman Sea and plans to install CNSS buoys in the Meghna Estuary would strengthen Bangladesh's marine observation system and support maritime safety, disaster preparedness and climate adaptation.

Other speakers included dean of DU's earth and environmental sciences faculty, Professor Md Humayun Kabir, international expert of HEAT Project, Tonia Astrid Capuano, FIO scientist Shumin Jiang and ICOG-DU director, Professor KM Azam Chowdhury.

The initiative will use advanced field technologies and the Delft3D modelling system to track pollution dynamics, identify contamination hotspots and

support marine biodiversity conservation through an interactive ecological database.

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