

Distribution of educational equipment begins

The first phase of distributing Government sponsored and locally manufactured educational equipment to secondary schools began in Dhaka on Sunday reports BSS.

The Education and Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Abdul Majeed Khan formally launched the programme which aimed at covering phasewise 4,800 schools by the current year.

The equipment designed for the newly introduced science course for the students of class nine would be distributed in the first phase to 1,040 secondary schools.

Dr. Khan speaking on the occasion, stressed the need for developing a sense of consciousness for production and utilisation of educational equipment locally and said the Govern-

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ment would extend all-out co-operation to the local manufacturers.

Local production of educational equipment, the Minister said, could earn a huge amount of foreign currency each year and added without local initiative in this respect, nation's scientific and technological development would be hindered.

Held at the Bangladesh Educational Equipment Board, the function was also addressed by Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Education Mr. A.K.M. Hedayetul Hoque.