

Higher secondary status for commercial edn. course

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Existing commercial education course will be given higher secondary status and in pursuance of the course bachelor programme in business administration will be introduced soon, education Minister Dr. Abdul Majeed Khan said in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

Dr. Khan said the management and administration of the commercial educational institutions will also be brought under the Secondary and Higher Education Directorate. So long these institutions were under the control of Technical Education Board.

The Minister was addressing a grand conference on Commerce Education at the Dhaka Government Commerce College. The conference, organised by the Students Union of Government Commerce Colleges in the country, was attended by delegates from all 17 such colleges.

The Education Minister said the government had attached due importance to the expansion of commercial education course since long and the educational policy outline circulated by the government about 14 months back had prescribed for providing openings of higher education in commerci-

al line.

The student leaders earlier urged the Minister for introducing bachelor programme in business administration and separating the administration of commercial colleges from the Technical Education Board.

The demands of the students the Minister said, in fact conformed the educational policy outline of the government, he added that the government was committed to make the education system open-ended throughout life by providing multiple entry points throughout the system.

Dr. Khan said every citizen in an independent country has the civic right to get higher education at any age of his life and regretted that the commerce students were deprived of avenues of higher education so long.

The government had constituted a task force for the evaluation of the commerce education in the country and at present working on a feasibility study on the employment prospects for the graduates of the commercial institutions, he said.

The Minister stressed on reformation of the commerce curriculum so that it could keep pace with the technological innovations and their application in practical life.

He also outlined the need for making it more professional than academic and called for increasing practical tasks for the students.