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Confce on English language teaching begins

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A three-day long international conference on national and regional issues in English Language Teaching: International Perspectives began at the British Council premises on Sunday.

Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed, Secretary of the Education Ministry, attended the inaugural ceremony of the conference as chief guest while David C Walker, British High Commissioner in Bangladesh was present as special guest.

The Chairman of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) Md Saokat Ali chaired the opening session which was addressed, among others, by Senior Education Advisor of the Department for International Development, Bangladesh (DFIDB) Dr Terri Kelly, Director of British Council Tom Cowin and the Director of English Language Teaching Improvement Project (ELTIP) Ms Raihana Shams.

Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed in his speech focused on the various programmes undertaken by the government for the development of education, specially that are taken for girl education.

British High Commissioner David C Walker in his speech said, the United Kingdom is one of the development partners of Bangladesh which has been providing financial assistance to various development programmes including education, health and agriculture. He said, the Labour government has increased its foreign assistance and Bangladesh would get priority.

Mr Walker said, English is not only an International Language but also a language of business, trade, science and the Internet too. He emphasised the need for learning English language for maintaining communication with the outer-world.