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# College teachers' refresher course in CU

CHITTAGONG: A three-week refresher course for college teachers was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University, Prof. A. M. Serajuddin at the CUCSU building on August 9.

The course has been jointly sponsored by the department of economics, Chittagong University and the Bangladesh Economic Association.

Prof. Serajuddin in his inaugural speech said that a serious defect of our higher education is the lack of adequate communication between the university and the constituent colleges.

One to rapid increase in the number of colleges, it has not been possible for the university to maintain close contact with the colleges, he said. Under the University Act, the Vice-Chancellor has the right to visit colleges, but in practice it is impossible.

Similarly, there is provision in the University Act for organising teaching on a co-operative basis between the colleges and the university. But under the present circumstances, it is also not possible. One to these difficulties, it has recently been decided to establish two affiliating universities.

Holding seminars, Summer science courses and refresher courses are good examples of co-operative academic efforts of the university and the colleges, he said.

The necessity of training programme for college teachers has also been acknowledged by the government. Very recently in a meeting with Vice-Chancellors the Chancellor of Universities has decided to strengthen teachers' training programme. With this and in view, a permanent arrangement for institutional training of teachers will be made.

Prof Md. Sekander Khan coordinator of the course, said that teachers of economics at the

Degree level must be conscious of the new frontiers of knowledge in the subject. He hoped that more such courses would be organised in future.

Mr. H. i. Laiffee, chairman of the department of economics, Chittagong University dwelt on the new economic problems confronting modern world. He also stressed the need of new thinking in economics.

## PRIZE GIVING

The Vice-Chancellor said on August 9 that the primary objective of higher education was to establish objective truth through

reasoning.

He said that power of judgement impartiality in decision making, allegiance to reasonable rules and power of tolerance can develop in man through higher education.

Speaking as the chief guest at a reception-cum prize distribution function of the department of chemistry in the university campus he regretted that the higher education system in the universities of the country could not fully achieve this objective. "We have failed to produce good citizens, develop social consciousness, foster independent thought and make

economic and political progress through the higher education we receive at universities", he added.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for acquiring knowledge for welfare of mankind.

Later the VC distributed prizes among student of chemistry department who secured first position and first class in final B.Sc. Honours examination held in 1987.

The function presided over by chemistry department chairman Dr. Zahirul Alam Chowdhury, was also addressed by Dr. M. Abdus Salam and Prof. M. Abu Saleh, both teachers of the university.