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## Success of any plan linked with political will

Prof. Mohammad Shamsul Huq, Minister for Foreign Affairs, has said in Washington that the success of any plan, including educational plan was, in the ultimate analysis, closely linked with the political will of the people, a message received in Dacca said, reports ESS.

The Foreign Minister, who made a two-day stopover in Washington on his way to New York, gave a talk on various aspects of education planning in Bangladesh before a select gathering of senior officers of the World Bank on October 16.

Bangladesh Ambassador to USA Mr Tabarak Hussain and senior officers of the Embassy were also present at the meeting which was organised by Mr Md Sveduzzaman, Alternate Executive Director of the Bank.

Prof Huq outlined measures initiated by the Government to make education in Bangladesh employment oriented. He said that Bangladesh's development strategy, like in any other country, could not be divorced from the existing economic, social and political realities. The development strategy must be directed towards involving as many people as possible and should be so decentralised as to allow participation of people at different levels to make it both practical and meaningful, he observed.

Prof Huq who was earlier welcomed by the Director of Education of the World Bank and introduced to the audience as a distinguished educationist, spoke for about two hours during which he also answered questions.

Answering a question on the impact of export of technical manpower from Bangladesh, Prof Huq said that steps were being taken to produce more and more technicians. He also referred to the movement of highly skilled people such as engineers, doctors and scientists.