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Library science honours course in DU soon

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A two-month long training course on "preparing catalogue for books in modern system with international standard" for book cataloguers of all the university libraries of the country began on November 1 at the central library of the University of Dhaka.

The course is being jointly sponsored by the Dhaka University Library and Bangladesh University Grants Commission and financed by Asia Foundation.

Prof. Abdul Mannan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka formally inaugurated the course. The inaugural function was addressed among others by Mr M A Sayeed, Secretary of the Ministry of Education, as chief guest, Mr Ahmed Hussain, retired Professor of the department of library science as special guest and Dr Mufakkar Hossain Khan, the librarian of Dhaka University central library.

Prof. Mannan in his inaugural speech said, Dhaka University was playing the leading role in the field of library science education as in other subjects from

its very inception. It was only the Dhaka University which had Master's degree course in library science in the country, he said.

He disclosed that Honours course in library science would soon be introduced in the university. He called upon the association of library science to offer diploma course in library science for librarians of different colleges.

Mr Sayeed in his speech said, libraries have to play significant role to develop the nation in the field of education and technology. Persons who are concerned with libraries must be equipped with proper training and knowledge for the purpose. He termed the arrangement of the course as a great initiative and assured to extend possible help from the government side for such initiatives in future.

Prof. Ahmed Hossain in his speech hoped that the participants after completion of the course would be able to carry out their duties more skilfully.

Twentythree chief and assistant chief cataloguers from all the Universities of the country are taking part in the course.