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Seminar on BOU project held

A seminar on Mid Term Review of Bangladesh Open University Project was held in Dhaka on Saturday, says a Press release.

Thirty delegates including National Professor M.R. Khan, Chairman, University Grants Commission Professor Iajuddin Ahmed, officers of the Ministry of Education, Asian Development Bank and teachers and officers of Bangladesh Open University attended the seminar.

Sponsored jointly by the Asian Development Bank and Bangladesh Open University, the seminar was co-chaired by the senior education specialist of ADB Mr. Ayumi Konishi and a member of BOU Board of Governors M. Azizul Haq.

Speaking at the opening session of the seminar, Education Secretary Mr. M. Irshadul Haq stressed on expansion of BOU programmes. He said compared to other educational institutions Bangladesh Open University was capable of providing education facility to a greater number of people.

He, however, urged BOU to keep its education cost within the minimum limit so that all classes of people could avail themselves of the opportunity.

Giving an outline of the project, Vice-Chancellor Dr. M. Shamsher Ali said, by introducing BED, Diploma in Management, Certificate in Management, Certificate in English Language Proficiency (CELP) and S.S.C. programmes BOU has already provided education facilities to a great number of people who were otherwise deprived under conventional system. He said BOU had so far registered about 45000 students for its various programmes.

Others who spoke at the seminar included university Deans Prof. M. Anowar Ali, Dr Shireen Haq, Prof. Shamsul Kabir, Dr Enamul Haq, BOU Directors M. Fazlur Rahman, M Zohurul Islam, K.G. Faruki, Rezaul Haq and Syed Lutfe Ali.

Resident representatives Shigeko M Asher and other officers of ADB also took part in the discussion. Speakers at the seminar, ADB representatives in particular, expressed satisfaction at the progress achieved by BOU.

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