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## Tk 25.72 lakh NORAD grant for DU

The University of Dhaka will receive a grant of Tk. 25 lakh and 72 thousands, from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) for the renovation of the auditorium of the Department of Theatre and Music and enhancement of Cultural activities in the University, says a press release.

In this regard a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Dhaka University and NORAD was signed on Monday, at the office of the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, Vice-Chancellor Professor A.K. Azad Chowdhury and Norwegian Ambassador in Bangladesh Mr. Hans Fredrik Lehne signed it on behalf of their respective organisations. The signing ceremony was attended, among others, by Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Shahid Uddin Ahmed, Treasurer Professor M. Shamsul Huq, Dr. Galib Ahsan Khan, acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Chairman of Theatre and Music Department Dr. Mridulkanti Chakrabarty and Dr. Ahmed S. Abbasi, Advisor (Development) of the Norwegian Embassy.

Major objectives of this MOU are to carry out construction work for the renovation of the auditorium, its air-conditioning, provide lighting facilities and furniture and stage the play of Henrik Ibsen- "Doll's House" on the occasion of Bengali New Year's Day.

Vice-Chancellor Professor A.K. Azad Chowdhury thanked NORAD and Norwegian Ambassador Mr. Lehne for giving the grant to enhance cultural activities in Dhaka University.