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Visiting KOICA President calls on DU Vice

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The visiting president of Korea International Co-operation Agency (KOICA) Hyung-Ki MIN called on the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury at the V-C's office on Saturday.

During the visit MIN and Prof Chowdhury discussed elaborately matters regarding the Institute of Information Technology (IIT) of the university, which is going to be established with the financial assistance of KOICA.

The KOICA president said that IT project of Dhaka University got top priority among the projects submitted by 132 other countries. Under the project KOICA will provide US dollar 510,000 for procuring instrument and equipment and US dollar 160,000 for training.

Prof Chowdhury said the existing computer centre of the DU will be promoted to IIT and it will start functioning from July 1. Students having honours degree from any subject could get admitted to Master's in Computer Applications course to be offered by the IIT. The duration of the course will be 12 to 18 months.

The Vice Chancellor also said that they had already submitted a taka 60 crore project JAICA for setting up VSAT and fiber optic backbone in the university.

The KOICA president was accompanied by Resident Representative of KOICA Kim Chong Lock and South Korean ambassador in Dhaka Jong Young Jo.

The Korean delegation later visited the Korean Language Laboratory housed at the Institute of Modern Language of the university.