

National council of technology suggested

Dr I H Usmani a Senior Consultant United Nations (UN) Technical Assistance on Monday suggested formation of a National Supreme Council of Science and Technology for Bangladesh to identify the technology to be developed and adopted in the next 20 years reports BSS.

He said such a plan would have definite contribution towards the economic development of Bangladesh.

Dr Usmani a former Chairman of Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission said that the framing of science plan must have the clear vision about the future of the country and the value that would be added to the nation's natural resources when scientific and technological knowledge is applied.

He was speaking at the sixth working session of the conference on page 8 col. 6

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ference on International Co-operation in Science and Technology for Developing Countries now being held in Dhaka.

The UN Consultant said that due to technological superiority the "developed countries were dictating the developing countries and was far from any co-operation". He however said once a specific goal was determined and the programme formulated the scientists in the developing countries could co-operate with the developed ones through research contract.

Citing a number of examples Dr Usmani suggested a total financial autonomy through a national endowment for science and technological development.

He suggested redefining the role of the universities in the light of science and technology and modernising the existing laboratories instead of creating more faculties of sciences. This he said would create a congenial working condition for the scientists.

He also suggested creation of a pool of well trained talented scientists aimed at specific target.

The morning session of the conference was also addressed by Prof Nevin S Scrimshaw of the United States Prof Nurul Islam and Prof Mohtasham Hussain of Bangladesh while Prof A K Saha from India was in the chair.

Presided over by Dr S D Choudhury from Bangladesh the afternoon session was addressed by Dr A M Sharafuddin Prof A M Harun-ar-Rashid Prof K M Scrajul Islam and Prof A K M Siddiq from Bangladesh and Dr D J Waddington from the United Kingdom.

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