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Naheed for spreading time-befitting tech edn

Education Minister Nurul Islam Naheed on Tuesday urged all to work for spreading time befitting technical education, which has demand to the employers at home and abroad, reports BSS.

The government will set up one technical school in each upazila to spread quality technical education, he added.

Naheed was speaking at a discussion on "Importance of vocational education" organized by Bangladesh Kari-gari Shikkhak Samity Federation at the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB).

Principal Jobeda Khatoon, MP, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, Treasurer of National University Principal Kazi Faruk Ahmed, Director General of Department of Technical Education Prof Dr Nitai Chandra Sutradhar, Chairman of Bangladesh Technical Education Board Prof Abul Kashem, among others, spoke on the occasion. Principal MA Sattar chaired the discussion.

Naheed distributed certificates and crests among the students who secured GPA-5 in last SSC (vocational), HSC (Business Management) and

Diploma in Commerce in 2009 and among the technical institutes from where cent percent students passed these examinations.

The minister said mindset of the society should be changed for accepting technical education for changing their fate instead of running after higher degrees in conventional education.

Terming technical and vocational education as an important tool to build 'Digital Bangladesh,' the Education Minister said, "We must transform our huge population into skilled manpower that can bring changes in

socio-economic life."

Naheed said about 65 lakh Bangladeshis are working abroad but lack of technical skill, most of them earn one third of the amount earned by skilled labours of the neighbouring countries.

About primary and secondary education, he said the government would distribute 21 crore textbooks free of cost among the students in January.

The education minister said hundred percent stipend and free tiffin will be given to the primary students in the remote areas to check dropping out.