

## Ahsania Mission awarded UNESCO prize

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been awarded the UNESCO International Literacy Prize for the year 2003 for its special contribution to education sector, reports BSS.

The award carries US dollar 15 thousand. Ahsania Mission Managing Director Kazi Rafiqul Alam disclosed this at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club here this morning.

UNESCO Country Representative Woodland Volman and the secretary of Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO Syed Jagtul Pashu were present in the press conference.

Formally declaring the award, Woodland Volman said Ahsania Mission is doing an excellent job in the education sector for a long time.

Kazi Rafiqul Alam told newsmen that this award is also known as International Reading Association prize.

On International Literacy Day on September 8 next, the prize will be given to the winner.

He said for the last 15 years his organization provided education to nearly 38 lakh people.

This year Ahsania Mission has been working with a new project 'Jone Jone shskha' to ensure education for all, he said. Through this project the mission will educate adults who did not attend school in the past.

Ahsania Mission also won the Independence and the ESCAP awards.