

BUET-Huawei accord signed

Huawei, the global leader in next generation telecommunication network, signed an agreement on 16th July, 2008 at the Winter Garden of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel with Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) providing for setting up a Wireless Communication Laboratory and Training Centre. Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Advisor, Ministry of Education, Graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Prof M. Tamim, Special Assistant to Chief Advisor, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resource attended the programme as special guest Prof. Dr. A.M.M. Safiullah, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) also attended the programme as invited guest. Wonder Wang, Deputy Chief Representative, HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES (Bangladesh) Ltd. and Prof. Dr. Aminul Haque, head of EEE Department, of BUET signed the agreement in the presence of Prof. Dr. A. M.M. Safiullah Vice Chancellor BUET and Charge 'd' Affairs of China Embassy Mr. Wang Yu, says a Press release.

Chief guest Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Adviser, Ministry of Education told in his speech University Industry Collaboration is a compulsory part of any university development programme. Unfortunately such collaboration is almost absent in our country. He called on our industry and business community to come forward like this joint collaboration programme.

Under this agreement, as a part of social corporate responsibility (CSR) HUAWEI Technologies (Bangladesh) Ltd will donate USD 3 million (BDT 21 crore) GSM equipment to BUET for building up a full-fledged GSM Lab in EE Department for the purpose of hands on practice as well as research and development. It is believed that with the aid of Huawei's advance technology, this lab and training centre will help Bangladesh to develop technically sound Telecom experts. It is to be noted that in December 2007 Huawei Technologies (Bangladesh) Ltd also donated BDT 5 crore for Data Communication Equipment to BUET.