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AUW to uplift women status in South Asia

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CHITTAGONG, Apr 5:-Speakers at the inaugural session the Asian University for Women (AUW) hoped that the university would play a significant role in uplifting the status of women in the region.

They claimed that the university would have faculties and logistics almost similar to the Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

The inaugural session took place at the auditorium of Theater Institute, Chittagong that followed by a reception to the fresher under the 'Access Academy Program'.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the university Jack Meyer addressed the function as chief guest while Chairman of Board of Advisors Rokeya Afzal Rahman, Vice Chancellor Dr. Nancy Dye, Adviser on Communications, Public Works and Housing Major General (Retd) Golam Quader, Dil Afroza Quader, former adviser Geeti Ara Safia Chowdhury and Deputy Director of Students Affairs Shaheda Ghafur joined it.

The university starts its academic operation at a 12-storey building on a long term lease agreement at city's Mehdibagh area today.

Nearly 1,200 applications came in from the targeted countries like Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for an accommodation of only 132 seats.

An innovative and rigorous curriculum for the access academy has already been finalized after gathering expert opinion from Bangladesh, USA, Australia and Canada.

Main objective of the university will be focusing on developing a center of excellence that will continue to contribute for the advancement of women in Asia.

An agreement for collaboration between the AUW and the Aalborg University was signed on October 10, 2006. Academic delegation from the Aalborg University visited the proposed campus in February,2007.