BOOK READING PROGRAMME AWARD CEREMONY

Students vow to read more books

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Thousands of students vowed to read more books at the prize giving ceremony of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra's yearly Book Reading Programme yesterday.

The Kendra awarded 3554 students of 49 city schools at the colourful ceremony at Ramna Batamul.

Speaking at the programme, founder of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed said, "Textbooks do not enlighten your mind. You can enlighten your mind by reading storybooks or poetry."

"Food is necessary for your life. But you cannot live without oxygen. Textbooks are your food and books of literature are your oxygen,"
he added.

Only reading books will not be enough, these knowledge should be used to save the environment, too, said Vice Chancellor of Brac University Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury.

Lauding the initiative of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, noted writer Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal said the Kendra has done something that should have been done by the government.

Editor of the daily Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman, eminent writers Selina Hossain and Anisul Haque and Prof Anisur Rahman were also present as special guests.

The guests distributed the prizes among the winners.

Over 1.5 lakh students participate in the countrywide programme every year.