



## President opens English Language fair

President Prof. AQM Badrudduja Chowdhury on Tuesday called for restoring "quality" of education in English, which he said lost emphasis in the recent past, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating a four-day English Language Resource Fair, 2002 in the British Council auditorium in Dhaka on Tuesday afternoon.

Acting British High Commissioner Robert Gibson, Director of the British Council Carl Reuter, British Council Teaching Centre Manager Ms Mark Bartholomew, Principal of Residential Model School and College Col. Mosharraf Hossain and Principal of South Breeze School Ms Zeenat Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

The President said knowledge of English opens the doors to the seekers of information. "It provides access to distance learning, to information exchange and to the management of knowledge," he said.

He said once English was used to be the language of the English people only but now it belongs to all those who speak it throughout the world. He said English is the most widely accepted international language in the era of computer.

President Chowdhury referred to the historic events that led to the establishment of dignity and honour of our mother tongue Bangla, and said the international community has recognised the sacrifice we had made for our mother tongue. "The world community is now observing the international mother language day throughout the world on the 21st February," he added.

He opined that training of teachers should not be restricted to English medium schools only but it should be provided to the Bengali medium schools as well.

The President later inaugurated a book exhibition on the British Council premises.