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PM lays emphasis on promotion of sports

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday laid utmost importance on promotion of sports along with education of youths of the country, reports BSS.

While reviewing the activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports at the secretariat here the Prime Minister said along with pursuing education we must encourage our youths to be involved in sports and games to check their derailment from the right track of life.

The Prime Minister told the review meeting that unemployment is no doubt a curse for the youth, but we are taking all-out steps to provide them with job-opportunities through various programmes.

She said the Ministry of Youth and Sports had already provided micro-credit for the unemployed youths so that they can be deployed in various productive activities and added this would also help stop migration of youths to the cities.

The Prime Minister said youths could be employed in productive activities and their produced items could be sold through rural cooperatives.

Sheikh Hasina expressed her satisfaction over the activities of the Ministry of Youth, which already has taken massive projects for eradication of poverty.

While underlining the importance of games and sports, the Prime Minister said, "We have already made name in the

field of Cricket. The Bangladesh football, which was so far dormant in the sports arena of international competitions, recently earned reputation by winning the SAARC football championship".

The Prime Minister particularly mentioned the recently held Olympic games for disabled where our boys and girls bagged as many as 42 medals. She suggested coordinated efforts by the Ministry of Youth and the Ministry of Social Welfare to further develop sports facilities for the disabled.

Welcoming the Prime Minister, the State Minister for Sports Obaidul Kader apprised her of the various successes achieved by Bangladesh in various sports at home and abroad.

ROK urged to recruit more Bangladeshis

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad requested South Korean government to recruit more skilled and semi-skilled labourers from Bangladesh, reports UNB.

He made the proposal when visiting Korean Minister for Trade Dr Han Duck Soo met him at his Secretariat office today (Sunday) and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Azad assured him of all co-operation for the Korean Export Processing Zone during the meeting.

An official handout said the Korean trade minister expressed his happiness to see the ongoing development programmes of Bangladesh government.

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