

AAA book launching ceremony held

The American Alumni Association (AAA) organised a launching ceremony of the Chinese translation of the book titled "Financing Large Projects: Using Project Finance Techniques and Practices" at the UTC Convention Hall, says a press release.

The book was co-authored by Dr M Fouzul Kabir Khan and Robert J Parra.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan was present as the chief guest while ADB Country Director Ms Hua Du, Education Secretary Md Abdul Aziz, American Center Director Jonathan Cebra, East West University Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Mohammad Musa and Barrister Rafiq UI Huq spoke at the function as the special guests.

Executive Committee members Ayesha Dastgir (Secretary), Forrest E Cookson (Treasurer), and Sarfaraz Ali, Executive Director, AAA were present.

AAA President Syed Almas Kabir presided.

'Bangladesh, Pakistan to work for regional coop'

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed hoped that Bangladesh and Pakistan would work together to accelerate the process of regional cooperation in South Asia within the framework of Saarc.

He expressed the hope when the newly appointed High Commissioner of Pakistan to Bangladesh, Alamgir Bashir Khan presented his credentials to the President at Bangabhaban on Thursday.

Welcoming new envoy to Bangladesh, Iajuddin mentioned the cordial bilateral relations existing between the two countries and reiterated Dhaka's determination to further consolidate and develop relations with Pakistan.

He told the envoy that the Saarc Summit would be held November 12-13.

He appreciated Pakistan's role as

the current chair in further strengthening the Saarc.

The President expressed satisfaction about the outcome of the recently concluded foreign secretary level consultations between the two countries. "Our two countries should focus more on realising the full potential of our economic cooperation," he said.

He said Bangladesh has a range of exportable items at competitive pricing, like pharmaceuticals, jute, ceramic, and readymade garments.

The envoy termed the relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh excellent. Pakistan has agreed to take initiative to reduce trade gap between the two countries, he said.

Bashir Khan also expressed the desire of Pakistan to give more scholarships to Bangladeshi students. He assured that there would be more wide-bodied PIA flights from Dhaka to Karachi.



Freshers of Ideal Commerce College pose for photograph with Principal Abdul Halim Patwari and Vice-Principal Shah Mohammed Farhad at a freshers' reception ceremony at the college auditorium at Farmgate in the city yesterday.



East West University Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Mohammad Musa speaks at a book launching ceremony. Sitting from left are author Dr M Fouzul Kabir Khan, American Centre Director Jonathan Cebra, ADB Country Director Ms Hua Du, AAA President Syed Almas Kabir, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, Education Secretary Md Abdul Aziz and Barrister Rafiq UI Huq.