

Removal of Indo-Pak dispute stressed

"Local entrepreneurs have to identify the goods beyond the sensitive lists of the Saarc member-countries. Because under Safta, every country can get trade advantages through trading with each other," said an official of the com-

Commerce Ministry sources said although India included Hilsha fish in their sensitive list as per the Sapta (Saarc preferential trading arrangement), it is yet to gain a duty-free access to the Indian market.

Meanwhile, major export items of Bangladesh such as fish, jute fabrics, woven and knitted gar-

"If the India-Pakistan dispute is not resolved, Safta implementation may fall in trouble," the official said.

Asean in May signed a pact liberalising trade in goods with South Korea, but Thailand was left out due to internal disagreements and objections to Seoul's barriers on rice. Thailand, a major rice exporter, may sign on later.

Seminar told

Welcoming the Microcredit

Mosharaf Hosain, vice-chairman of CDF, presented a keynote paper at the seminar.



Currently, more than Tk 2090.43 crore in disbursed loans are outstanding to more than 5.07 million poor entrepreneurs and repayment rates for Brac micro-credit stand at nearly 99 per cent.