

ASF initiative to make acid survivors self-reliant: 17 awarded

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Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) yesterday awarded 17 acid survivors for their outstanding performance during the training on their rehabilitation.

ASF organised the 'Performance Award Ceremony 2007' at the

National Press Club in the city with the financial support of Square Toiletries Limited.

The awardees received a crest, certificate and Tk 4,000 each.

Twelve acid victims were awarded for their performance in three different projects of ASF – catering, tailoring and pressure garments.

The awardees are Reba Yasmin of Barisal, Fatema Begum and Asma Akter of Kishoreganj, Jahanara Akter of Chandpur, Sraboni Akter Rupa of Manikganj, Ayesha Akter of Chittagong, Dolly Akter and Shahnaz Akter of Jhenaidah, who initiated an NGO styled 'Nari Oikya Kalyan Sangstha', was awarded as an entrepreneur.

Ferdousi Akter of Dinajpur, Afroza Akter of Natore, Harmoni Bashak of Nilphamari and Mehia Akter Bably of Dhaka were awarded for their performance in education while Shamima Akter of Jhenaidah, who initiated an NGO styled 'Nari Oikya Kalyan Sangstha', was awarded as an entrepreneur.

Shawkat Hossain, Accounts and Finance Director of Square Toiletries Limited Mahmudul Haque and ASF Trustee Board Member and Global UNICEF Staff Association Chairperson Masud Ahmed distributed the prizes among the winners.

Speaking on the occasion, Shawkat said ASF initiated the award with a view to inspiring the acid survivors to become self-reliant and make them confident.

He urged the corporate houses to provide more financial aids for financially-handicapped acid victims on their rehabilitation.

ASF Executive Director Monira Rahman emphasised the exposure of success stories of the survivors in media.



Recipients of ASF performance award pose for photograph with the guests at a function at National Press Club in the city yesterday.