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WHO'S GOING TO SEATTLE?: Participants engrossed in gaming on the opening day of World Cyber Games (WCG) 2007 Bangladesh Championship at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

SMF-BTEB coordination a must to produce skilled medical technologists

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday called for coordination between State Medical Faculty (SMF) and Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) to produce skilled medical technologists.

They said there are only 5500 medical technologists in the country which needs around 2.94 lakh technologists to assist 42000 registered physicians.

The seminar titled 'Health technology education for national development and its future' was organised by Bangladesh Association of Medical Institute (BAMI) at the National Press Club in the city.

The speakers said BTEB has specific regulations, international credit system curriculum and the ability to play distinct role in technical

education as per Parliamentary Technical Education Board.

But the irony is that SMF under the health ministry has been controlling and issuing certificate for a three-year diploma course on health technology which is not at par with the international standard, they said.

That is why a huge number of health technologists had been deprived of achieving higher education and getting job abroad, they added.

The speakers said through an understanding, SMF could transfer its authority to BTEB which is controlling other technical educations in the country.

While speaking as chief guest, Prof Dr MR Khan said health technologists should be provided with standard curriculum and evaluation.

"Those capable of doing the job

should be entrusted with the responsibility for imparting health technology education," he said, adding that the number of health technologist should be increased as there are only one medical technologist for seven physicians, which should be 7:1.

"If the officials of health and education ministries sit together to discuss the issue, the problem can be resolved easily," he said.

While presenting the keynote paper, BAMI Director General M Akram Hossain said since SMF has been failing to produce internationally standard skilled health technologists, most of the health centres, clinics and hospitals are run by inefficient health technologists and for their erroneous diagnosis people have lost faith in them.

The speakers said though technological education in different

sectors like agriculture, textile, marine, aeronautical, electrical and telecommunication is being conducted by BETB, only health technology education is still under the control of medical health faculty.

In order to improve the country's medical technological education and produce skilled medical technologists, they urged SMF to prepare a befitting course curriculum.

Besides, BETB should be given the responsibility for conducting examinations and issuing certificates for a three-year diploma course, they added.

Language veteran Prof Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam, President of the association Dr MA Bashed, Prof Dr Hosne-Ara Begum, Gazi MA Salam and Dr NM Kiron also spoke on the occasion.

WORLD CYBER GAMES Bangladesh championship begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three-day World Cyber Games (WCG) 2007 Bangladesh Championship, the biggest computer gaming tournament in Bangladesh, kicked off at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

WCG Bangladesh Country Manager Mohammad Irfan Hussain inaugurated the contest that will end on July 29.

F1 Management Ltd is the strategic partner of the competition while Dj Juice is the official sponsor of this event.

More than 1200 participants from across the country have taken part in the competition this year, surpassing previous records, organisers said.

This year two games -- Need for Speed Carbon and FIFA 07 -- have been selected for the Bangladesh Championship and participants will go one on one for a place in the next round, they added.

Among them, two winners will represent Bangladesh in the Grand Finals of the WCG to be held in Seattle in USA in October that offers prize money of \$1 million, organisers said.

About 700 gamers from 70 countries are expected to participate in the WCG Grand Finals.

Final round of Mutual Trust Bank-Daily Star Debate today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The final round and prize giving ceremony of the 'Mutual Trust Bank-The Daily Star Debate Contest '07' will be held in Chittagong today.

Chairman of the bank Samson H Chowdhury will attend the closing ceremony as the chief guest at the Theatre Institute Chittagong (TIC) auditorium. Former adviser to the caretaker government Syed Manzur Elahi will also attend the ceremony.

Chittagong University (CU) will compete with Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) while Government Mohsin College will take on Chittagong Government City College and Chittagong Collegiate School will be pitted against Silver Bells Girls' High School in the final round.

The contest started on Tuesday and a total of 16 schools, eight colleges and eight universities took part in the competition.

RU Chhatra Dal cadre arrested

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadre of Rajshahi University (RU) in Kaila area near the university campus

yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Shamjedul Islam alias Sham, son of Mozaffar Hossain of Akkelpur village in Joypurhat district and a 4th year student of

RU Library and Information Science department.

Sham was involved in terrorism, mugging and other criminal activities, alleged Mother police.

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