

Perform task without fear or favour

Chief adviser asks govt officials

UNB, Savar

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed has asked young government officials to always remember that they are servants of the republic and functionaries of a democracy where people are passionate about their rights.

He was addressing the closing function of the 39th Foundation

Training Course for government officials at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BAPTC) auditorium in Savar yesterday.

"Good governance must not just be an aspiration, but a regular feature of your daily life. No action of a public official must erode in any way or transgress the fundamental rights of a citizen," Fakhruddin told

the civil servants at the function.

He urged them to perform their task without fear or favour in conformity with the values that are the attributes of an apolitical public service system in a modern democracy.

"Integrity, honesty, neutrality and abhorrence of all forms of corruption must mould your thoughts and actions," Fakhruddin said.

Some 206 government officials completed the four-month-long Foundation Course. The chief adviser distributed certificates and medals among the top 10 officials who completed the training course with distinction.

Finance and Commerce Adviser Dr Mirza Islam, Education Adviser Ayub Quadri and Rector of BAPTC AM Moniruzzaman Khan also spoke at the function.

"Today Bangladesh is in the cusp of great challenges," Fakhruddin said, adding: "This government is seeking through the reform process to establish institutions that will strengthen the basis of democracy and pluralism in the country's ethos."

He said destiny has provided the civil servants with a great opportunity and it's a chance to

help the nation and to further develop the country.

"Your skills will be greatly enhanced by training received here. Hopefully, the courses will have provided you with the desirable cohesiveness, transparency, commitment, dedication, accountability, discipline, efficiency and effectiveness."

The chief adviser said a sense of and obligation to human rights and rule of law must be the guiding principle of the activities of the government officials and they must resolutely implement policies that the government will set for the nation.

"You must help alleviate poverty, empower women, educate the youth, and take this nation forward along the path of progress," he told the young civil servants.

"The country, the people and the government will expect nothing less of you. I have no doubt that you will manage to uphold the glorious

tradition of the public service that once was and once again will be the pride of this nation."

Recalling the memory of his professional life as a young civil servant, Fakhruddin said: "I too cherished the training that I went through to equip me for my responsibility."

He said the BAPTC has been performing a splendid job in discharging its responsibility in imparting training and appreciated that the training system has been brought in line with the needs of a modern bureaucracy.

In addition to discourses on development administration, he said the training programme included the governmental rules and regulations, development economics, office management, and Bangladesh studies, some practical prerequisites of personal skill development such as driving, swimming, computing and learning of English language.



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Visitors admire a painting at an exhibition at Shilpkala Academy in the city yesterday. Shilpkala Academy and Rashed Smriti Parishad jointly organised the exhibition that will continue till September 18.

Workshop on edn statistics begins in city

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A four-day-long training workshop on 'Using Education Statistics and Indicators for Planning' began in the city yesterday.

Inaugurating the training workshop at the auditorium of Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS), Additional Education Secretary ASM Abdul Awal Majumder said BANBEIS will have to provide more updated information.

He said the field level officers play vital role in making accurate statistic of the BANBEIS and for this purpose, this training has been organised for the district level education officers and primary education officers of 20 districts.

BANBEIS Director Ahsan Abdullah said the training programme would help the district level officers on how to collect accurate data and prepare statistics properly.

He said BANBEIS is now working to provide day-to-day accurate data on various issues.

UNESCO Country Director Malama Meleisea and Planning Chief of education ministry Mohammad Mesbahuddin also addressed the inaugural session.

A total of 40 district education officers and district primary education officers are taking part in the workshop.