Shishu Shurokkha Andolon Launched

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CHILD Protection Movement (Shishu Shurokkha Andolon), a group of more than 135 children organizations, was launched on16 October, 2008 - on the second day of 'National Child Rights Week' being observed by 'Save the Children Sweden-Denmark' (SCSD) and associate organizations. The event took place at Ramna Restaurant Complex, Ramna Park in the Capital. A cultural program and a fun fair was organized on the occasion.

Eminent Artist and cultural personality Mustafa Monowar formally inaugurated the launching of the first of such programs committed towards establishing children's security and fulfillment of child rights. Mr. Niels Bentzen Pedersen, Country Representative SCSD, along with Deputy Country Director Obaidur Rahman; Muslema Bari, Executive Director, CPD; Salma Ali, Executive Director, BNWLA; Imranul Huq Choudhury, Executive Director, UDDIPAN; and Child representative Popy was present. A number of 40 Children Clubs of 21 organizations associated with SCSD, along with other children organizations such as Eachchey Media, Child Brigade, Bhorer Alo, N C T F, BILLS, AUPORAJEO BANGLADESH, are united under the organization. The organizations are dedicated to building public opinion through observation and taking up measures against child repression and torture.

HOPES Scholarship awarding ceremony Held at SAU

Scholarship Award ceremony of Helping Organization for Promising and Energetic Students (HOPES) was held on 25 October at the Conference Hall of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU), Dhaka.

HOPES, a voluntary organization extends financial support to the poor and meritorious students of rural Bangladesh who are studying in different Public Universities and higher educational institutions in disciplines of engineering, architecture, medical, agricultural, social and natural sciences. According to Hopes President Professor Dr. Nur Mohammad Talukder of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and General Secretary Professor Dr. Md. Afzal Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of Haji Mohammad Danesh University of Science and Technology(HSTU) Dinajpur, this year 100 meritorious students were awarded Hopes Scholarship selected from Universities of Agricultural, Engineering, Medical, Social and Natural Sciences of Bangladesh.

ULAB holds Freshers' Orientation

CONTINUING its mission of Active Learning for its students, the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) held a unique Freshers orientation program on Sunday, 18 October 2008.

Students were broken into small groups, each one led by two faculty members and two senior students. These groups did activities designed to break the ice between all the participants, including students and the faculty. Issues of identity and leadership were explored, while ULAB's mission and values were imparted in an active and enjoyable way.

The faculty themselves had to undergo training to understand the human dynamics involved in the activities. Mustafiz ur Raman Shahin, ULAB's Trainer for Physical Movement and Choreography, conducted the training session.

The response from the faculty and students was tremendous. Many expressed surprise and delight at the unique learning activity.