

Improve quality of education to build digital Bangladesh: Nahid

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Improving quality of education in schools will pave way towards fulfilling the government's promise of a digital Bangladesh, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid in an event yesterday.

He said the government is determined to help the schools to improve their quality as well as to produce quality teachers

to strengthen the education system in the country.

The education minister said these in his speech as the chief guest at the Annual Award Giving Ceremony 2009 at Bonoful Adivasi Greenheart College at Mirpur in the city.

"Outdoor sports and physical activities are becoming almost extinct due to the lack of open spaces and playgrounds. The schools have a big role to play

here and make sure that their students are getting ample opportunities to build both their physical and intellectual capabilities," he said at the ceremony.

He said government has taken initiatives to establish a university in Rangamati and stressed on the importance of holding dialogue among teachers, intellectuals and other stakeholders from the Chittagong Hill Tracts region to

find ways to improve educational facilities in the region.

State Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Dipankar Talukdar, chief adviser of the college Jyotindra Bodhipriya Larma, chairman of the CHT refugee related taskforce Jatindra Lal Tripura, Kamal Ahmed Majumdar MP and chairman of the college Ven Pragyananda Mahathero also spoke at the event.



Former adviser Sultana Kamal, singer Mita Haque, artist Shishir Bhattacharya, Prof Fakrul Alam and former cricketer Athar Ali Khan pose for a photograph at the evaluation session of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bangladesh at a city hotel on Tuesday.

Evaluation session of Duke of Edinburgh's Award held

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The evaluation session of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bangladesh was organised at a city hotel on Tuesday, says a press release.

Former adviser to a caretaker government Sultana Kamal, noted singer Mita Haque, artist Shishir Bhattacharya, Dhaka University Prof Fakrul Alam and former cricketer Athar Ali Khan attended the session as the validation committee members.

The aim of the session was to assure quality and ensure international standard of the award. It included meticulous assessment of the activities carried out by the participants through a formal interviewing process.

The award is an exciting self-development programme available to young people in over 120 countries equipping them with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their communities and their world.

The award, available to all young people of the age group of 14 to 25, is offered in three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Ferdous Kazi Tamanna, a participant, said, "It's a great experience for me. This award made me realise that there is nothing called 'impossible' and if people want, they can touch the sky. The award also made me feel that I can do something for my country and for myself."

The award began its journey in Bangladesh through formally initiating the programme in Dhaka for the students of 12 institutions on August 20 last year.



Visitors at a stall at an exhibition of educational materials for indigenous children at LGED auditorium in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 2)

Chinese envoy meets Azad

UNB, Dhaka

Chinese Ambassador Zhang Xianyi called on Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad at the latter's office in the city yesterday and assured that his government would continue all out support to the overall development of Bangladesh.

The Ambassador discussed matters of mutual interest with the minister.

During the meeting, Xianyi invited the minister to attend the 11th Asia Art Festival scheduled to be held in Mongolia in August this year.

Azad thanked the ambassador for the invitation and assured him of considering it.

Referring to current relations between Dhaka and Beijing, Azad praised China's role in the infrastructure development of Bangladesh.

He hoped that the cultural cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened in future.

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