

Raise awareness to keep city liveable

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for increasing awareness about the environment to keep Dhaka city liveable in future. They also called for reducing emission of carbon dioxide in the country especially in the Dhaka city.

Bipan Kumar Saha, chief waste management officer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), presided over the seminar at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

Saha said the city residents will have to be aware of the environment if they want to keep Dhaka liveable in future.

DCC and Japan International Cooperation Agency organised the awareness building seminar on global warming.

Dr Tariq Bin Yousuf, project director of Landfill Improvement Project of DCC, said five percent of green house gas emits from wastes in

the country, which needs to be reduced.

"To reduce the emission of green house gas from wastes we have to replace waste collection vehicles which are more than 10 years old, change routes to a lower distance for reducing fuel consumption during waste disposal and maintain the vehicles carrying waste properly," he said.

He said JICA has given DCC 100 waste collection vehicles as grant, which will reduce carbon emission three times.

"If everyone works collectively and community leaders and people become aware then we will be able to face the challenge of climate change, said DCC Superintendent Engineer Syed Quadratulah.

Councillor Shahida Morshed, senior representative of JICA Bangladesh Office Saeda Makimoto and senior research officer of Bangladesh Centre for Advance Studies Md Golam Rabbani also spoke at the seminar.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia speaks at a meeting of the party's standing committee members, advisers and leaders of different units of the party at her Gulshan office in the city yesterday.

MONTHLY PAYMENT ORDER

Minister warns of tougher action against corruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has warned the officials and employees of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) of tougher action if any allegation of corruption in disbursing monthly payment order (MPO) is found against them.

The minister made the remark after paying a surprise visit to DSHE, also known as Shiksha Bhaban at about 2:30pm yesterday.

"I will personally investigate whether any official is involved in corruption while disbursing MPO to the non-government educational institutions," he told the officials and staff of DSHE.

The warning came in the wake of newspaper reports that some staffs of DSHE are asking for

money from teachers of the educational institutions, included in the new MPO list, in exchange of disbursing their monthly payment order on time.

"I will not spare any staff involved in such illegal dealings," he said.

The government listed 1,612 institutions for MPO facilities on June 16, and DSHE is now processing the papers for fund disbursement to these institutions.

Nahid also entrusted two deputy secretaries of the education ministry with the responsibility to monitor the activities of MPO.

He asked the officials to ensure hassle free service to the service recipients.

Talking to the reporters, Nahid said, "We will show zero tolerance against corruption."

\$ 5 lakh deal with ADB to improve teaching

UNB, Dhaka

A technical assistance (TA) grant agreement for 500,000 US dollar was signed yesterday between the government and ADB to lay the groundwork for a project to further improve teaching quality in secondary education.

The agreement was signed at the Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, says a press release.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Japanese government are assisting Bangladesh for the project. The Japan Special Fund will provide the grants for the TA to be administered by ADB.

The assistance will pave the way for the Second Teaching Quality Improvement (TQI) in Secondary Education Project, which is in ADB's pipeline for 2012.

The first phase of the project, being carried out with ADB assistance since 2004, helped improve teacher training system, national

policy, strengthen the capacity of teacher training agencies, and establish an effective teacher management system.

The TA will further improve quality of teaching and learning in secondary schools and facilitate improved learning outcomes with special focus on disadvantaged students.

Aligning with the Bangladesh National Education Policy, the TA aims to further improve the overall teacher development framework, teacher training curricula, teacher recruitment and deployment practices, teaching and learning in the classroom, and student performance particularly in science, mathematics and English language subjects in line with government priorities.

The TA will also review the secondary education teacher training system, building on the experience and lessons learned from the ongoing TQI Project and the Secondary Education Sector Development Programme, another ADB financed project.

Digital Bangladesh to ensure people's empowerment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad yesterday said Digital Bangladesh aims at ensuring people's empowerment and reaching government services to their doorstep faster and without any hassle, says a press release issued by Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).

Proper use of technology can help establish good governance through ensuring transparency and accountability, he said in his speech as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the Orientation Programme on Digital Bangladesh at PIB.

He urged the journalists to inform people about the services and arrangements that are available through modern technology, especially Internet, mobile, radio and television.

In his keynote paper, Access to Information Project Policy Adviser Anir Chowdhury highlighted various achievements gained so far and government's plans aiming at making Vision 2021 a success.

Information Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury and PIB Chairman Habibur Rahman Milon attended as special guests at the programme presided over by PIB Director General Dulal Chandra Biswas.

Fifty journalists from different newspapers, news agencies and electronic media participated.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Call to increase budgetary allocation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Persons with disabilities (PWD) yesterday said the current budgetary allocation is too insignificant to meet their needs.

They said allocation is only 0.11 percent whereas persons with disabilities constitute about 10 percent of total population. Speaking at a seminar organised by National Alliance of Disabled People's Organisation (NADPO) they demanded at least 10 percent budgetary allocation for the persons with disabilities.

They called for rights-based approach in dealing with the issues of the persons with disabilities.

NADPO Chairman Abdus Sattar Dulal and Secretary General Md Jahangir Alam spoke.

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US Embassy, Dhaka

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