

ICTVTR starts functioning

Campus Report

The Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR) at Tongi, an organ of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, will formally start functioning in September next with the inauguration of higher diploma in engineering and instructor training courses.

Nominations by the OIC countries are expected to be completed soon and selected candidates are required to report to the centre by September 15-18. Director of ICTVTR, Dr Rafiquddin Ahmed told BSS.

He said initially 70 students would be admitted in four courses. The member-states were informed about student and instructor enrolment in May last through diplomatic channel and admission forms were sent.

The Centre will provide full scholarship which means cost of board, on-campus shared furnished accommodation, medicare, games and sports and a monthly pocket allowance. Fees for tuition and other academic charges will be borne by the centre. However, the student roundtrip air passage and incidental expenses will have to be borne by the nominat-

ing member-states.

ICTVTR is going ahead with staff appointment, and all facilities like laboratories, library, workshop, etc. will be ready by next month. The centre's laboratories are expected to be one of the finest in the world.

The three-year higher diploma courses in mechanical, chemical and electrical and electronic engineering comprises six semesters of 16 weeks' duration each, higher diploma courses in mechanical engineering include specialisations in refrigeration and airconditioning and automotive technology while higher diploma in electrical engineering will provide specialisation in electrical machines and power technology. The semesters are designed to impart a high level of theoretical instructions and laboratory workshop experience.

Under the instructor training programme, the Centre will offer two courses: (i) Diploma in Technical Education having specialisation in refrigeration and airconditioning, automotive technology and electrical machines, and power technology, and (ii) Postgraduate Diploma in Technical Education with specialisation in thermofluid engineering and electrical engineering.

The Centre's Diploma in Technical Education is a one-year course comprising two semesters for the training and preparation of instructors for vocational and technical institutions and is designed for those who already possess diploma in engineering or technology. Through a series of professional and pedagogical courses the student is provided with opportunities to develop.

The Centre will also offer postgraduate Diploma in Technical Education which is a one year instructor training program comprising two semesters for candidates already possessing a Bachelor degree in Engineering, Technology Technical Education. The programme is designed to cater to the needs of high-level technical education teachers in the OIC countries.