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BEIJING, Oct. 1:—Dr. A. Majeed Khan, Minister for Education, has arrived in Beijing on Friday from Pyongyang on conclusion of the first conference of the Ministers for Education and Culture of non-aligned and other developing countries, reports BSS.

Dr. Khan and the members of the Bangladesh delegation were seen off at the Pyongyang Airport by Mr. Choe Pae Bok, Chairman of the DPRK Educational Commission and Minister for Higher Education and Senior Officials of Education Ministry.

Earlier in a message to Mr. Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on the eve of his departure from Pyongyang, Dr. Khan said.

"I have the honour to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Your Excellency dear leader and the government and people of the D.P.R.K. for having hosted the first conference of Ministers of Education and Culture on the non-aligned and other developing countries in Pyongyang and for making such excellent arrangements for the conference.

"I also express our gratitude for the generous hospitality of your great people the memory of which we will cherish for long. In view of what you have achieved in D.P.R.K. in the fields of education and culture, it is most befitting that this conference has been held here. We congratulate you once again on your great success in education and culture as well as other fields.

"This conference has opened up new dimension of the Non-aligned Movement and given it a new content and vitality.

It has thus helped in further strengthening the unity and solidarity of the Non-aligned Movement. The sharing of educational and cultural experience will help to identify areas of more meaningful cooperation for the achievement of national self-reliance which in turn will strengthen South-South cooperation.

Bangladesh and D.P.R.K. share many common ideals and I have every confidence that our contribution at this conference will further strengthen the close and friendly relations between our two countries to the benefit of our two peoples.

"I wish Your Excellency long life and good health and the friendly people of D.P.R.K. further progress and prosperity."