

BIMSTEC WORKSHOP Regional cooperation on higher education urged

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SPEAKERS on Friday at an international workshop demanded the government strengthen regional cooperation in the field of higher education, under the BIMSTEC, as it was essential for improving quality in education and research.

The speakers made the observation during the inauguration the two-day long workshop on 'Need for change in the Course Curricula of Business School: Positioning and Competency of Business School in BIMSTEC Region,' which began at Daffodil International University of the capital.

The workshop was jointly organised by the department of Business Administration and Institutional Quality assurance Cell of DIU to develop education quality, research, regional cooperation and other important issues in the region, said the organisers.

Over 300 participants from home and abroad were present as 50 resource

persons from different countries of the region are also scheduled to present their research papers in the workshop.

Speakers said exchange of teachers and students among different member countries will create better social, psychological, cordial and ethical friendship and values.

Adviser to the International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh, Md Waliur Rahman, inaugurated the workshop as a chief guest while DIU board of trustees chairman Md Sabur Khan presented the keynote paper.

Sabur Khan, pointing out to the importance of mutual cooperation among the universities in the BIMSTEC region, said all the countries will be benefited through it.

'The universities are producing thousands of graduates but not skilled manpower. If we get to compare quality among the universities, the students will be benefited,' he said.

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for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional body with Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal as members and with headquarters in Dhaka.

Among others, head of quality assurance unit of University Grants Commission professor Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled, academic director of University of Strathclyde in UK, Tata Consultancy Service in India former vice-president Bhushan Dewan, DIU vice chancellor professor Yusuf M Islam, DIU IQAC director professor Muhammad Mahboob Ali also spoke.

Mahboob Ali in a presentation said to have a 'win-win' situation, regional cooperation is very important for which we should use the platform of BIMSTEC with special attention in the field of higher education.