

## 10,000 digital labs at schools, colleges soon

Palak tells JS; ICT Division, CRI sign MoU for training at 2001 labs  
BSS, Dhaka

The government will undertake a project to set up 10,000 Sheikh Russel digital labs (computer labs) at educational institutions across the country, said State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak yesterday.

He was replying to a supplementary question from whip Shahiduzzaman Sarkar in Jatiya Sangsad.

"We have already installed 5,500 computer labs and 30,000 multimedia classrooms at educational institutes in the country. And there are 1,70,000 educational institutes from class VI to XII across the country," he said.

The state minister said the country's export earnings from the IT sector will be US\$ 1 billion by 2018 and it will jump to US\$ 5 billion by 2021.

Palak said the government is implementing the project titled "Computer Lab at Educational Institution and Language Learning Lab".

Meanwhile, the ICT Division and the Center for Research and Information (CRI) yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for imparting training to 2001 digital labs set up by Sheikh Russel Computer and Language Lab (SRCLL) in countrywide schools and colleges.

According to the MoU, the Young Bangla, a youth platform of the CRI, will oversee ICT training and supervise, monitor and maintain the overall activities till 2018, an official release says.

Under the agreement, for each lab, two coordinators and 10 volunteers will be responsible for the

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overall arrangement and offering of training among the students.

The signing took place at the office of the ICT Division