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## Teachers main force for building skilled human resource: Nahid

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Swadhinata Shikshak Karmachari Federation holds a discussion marking International Teachers Day 2018 at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital on Friday. — New Age photo

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Friday urged the teachers to perform their duties with dedication and utmost sincerity as they were main force behind developing skilled manpower.

Teachers should groom the young generation with quality education to build an economically advanced country, he told a discussion in the auditorium of Army Golf Club Garden in Dhaka, an official release said.

Additional secretary of the technical and madrassah education division AKM Zakir Hossain Bhuiyan, additional secretary of secondary and higher secondary education division Nazmul Haque Khan and chairman of technical education board Md Mostafizur Rahman, among others, addressed the discussion with president of Bangladesh Technical Education Welfare Association Md Nazmul Islam in the chair.

Nahid said, 'Teaching is a noble profession... We have provided different facilities, including an increase in salary and other benefits, to ensure dignified lives for teachers in the society.'

He said the government attached top priority to expansion of technical and vocational education to ensure better access for students in job markets.

He said the government had set a target of 30 per cent enrolment in technical education by 2030 aiming to transform Bangladesh into an economically developed country.

In 2009, the percentage of students' enrolment in technical education was one while the current enrolment rate was 14 per cent, he added.

'We are promoting knowledge-based education to develop skilled human resources to turn Bangladesh into a middle-income country. Education without skills will create a burden for the family as well as the nation,' he said.

'In order to maximise the benefits of using information communication technology in classrooms, we need a bunch of trained, motivated and technology savvy teachers who will contribute in making the initiatives effective and successful,' the minister added.



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