

Pro-people education stressed at Colombo confce

Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed on Thursday said attending the Fourth Regional Conference of Education Ministers in Colombo had been immensely beneficial in so far as it helped exchange the mutual experiences of the 25 nations participating in it.

Talking to BSS on arrival in Dacca on Thursday evening the Education Minister said at the conference he had stressed

✓ Kazi Zafar

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on the development of pro-people mass — oriented education system that would ensure access to education for all.

He said it was very significant for Bangladesh to have attended the conference of Education Ministers for Asia and Oceania, sponsored by UNESCO. He said it was for the first time that Bangladesh had attended the conference.

Bangladesh was elected the first Vice-President of the conference while the host country was elected the President.

He said the Bangladesh delegation, led by him, had made important contributions to the conference.

Kazi Zafar said that the conference also provided the Bangladesh delegation a unique opportunity in explaining Bangladesh's views on different issues.

He said that during his stay in Colombo he had met President Jayawardene and also the Prime Minister and the Education Minister of Sri Lanka and had discussed with them matters of mutual interest.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that he had told the conference that education particularly non-formal education, was basis to all development efforts for socio-economic transformation and increased welfare of the people.

He also suggested that equal opportunities be given to women in education and a preferential treatment in job opportunities especially in teaching profession.