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### Training course on arsenic problem held at BUET

For the first time in the country International Training Network (ITN)-Bangladesh organised a four-day Training course at BUET from August 9 to 12 for the professionals working on arsenic in the academic research institutions as well as implementing agencies and projects, says a press release.

28 dignitaries participated in the course from a cross cultural nationalities including Denmark, China and India along with Bangladeshis. Resource persons contributed in twenty six session included reputed research personalities from All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, National Institute for Preventive & Social Medicine, Dhaka Community Hospital, Department of Public Health Engineering, Jahangir Nagar University, Dhaka University, Surface Water Modelling Centre, World Health Organisation, and ITN-Bangladesh at BUET.

The participating departments and agencies were, DPHE, DMCH, Nipson, SRDI, LGED, BRAC, BCAS, DANIDA, DPHE UWSSP, AIH & PH, BUET and Technical University of Denmark. At the concluding session of the training, a draft strategic action plan for Bangladesh was presented and shared with the participants as well as Chief Engineer, DPHE, Team Leader of the Regional Water Supply and Sanitation Group-South Asia of the WB and DANIDA representative in the plenary session.

The strategies to address the arsenic problem and norms, principles, removal techniques were discussed thoroughly and agreed upon to be recommended to the GOB.

It was be mentioned here that the ITN-Bangladesh Centre at BUET is a national network for capacity building in Water and Waste Management Sector, and is part of global ITN of UNDP World Bank. Observing high demand for such courses from the participating partner agencies, a second course has been thought for to be implemented in due course.