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Lack of communication hinders higher edn.

A three-week refreshers' course for college teachers was inaugurated on August 7 by the Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University. Professor Alamgir Mohammad Serajuddin at the CUCSU building. This refreshers' course was jointly sponsored by the Department of Economics, Chittagong University and the Bangladesh Economics Association. The participants in the course came from different colleges, says CU Press release.

Professor Md. Sekander Khan is the co-ordinator of this course. University of Chittagong in his inaugural speech as the chief guest said that a serious defect of our higher education is the lack of adequate communication between the university and the constituent colleges. The main responsibility of the university is the co-ordination of the collegiate system on which the university is based. But on account of great increase in the number of colleges, it has not been possible for the University to maintain close contact with the colleges. Under the University Act, the Vice-Chancellor has the right to visit the colleges but in practice it is impossible. Similarly, there is provision in the University Act for organising teaching on a co-operative basis between the colleges and the university. But under the present circumstances, it is also not possible. On account of these difficulties, it has recently been decided to establish two affiliating universities. Holding of seminars, summer science institute and refreshers'

course is a good example of co-operative academic efforts to the university and the colleges. Refreshers' Course help to facilitate acquisition, possession and distribution of knowledge and develop the teaching skill and ability of the teachers. For subject like Economics, where the frontier of knowledge is constantly expanding, the importance of Refreshers' Course is enormous.

Professor Md. Sekander Khan said that the teachers of Economics at the Degree level must be conscious of the new frontiers of knowledge in Economics. He also urged them that the students of Economics must enrich themselves with the modern knowledge and for the same, teachers must explain the new facets of economic development.

Mr. H.I. Latif, Chairman of the Department of Economics, Chittagong University dwelt on the new problems of economics which are confronting modern world. He also stressed the need of fresh thinking in matters of economics and its concomitant problems. This sort of fresh thinking is conducive to matters of mutual understanding and co-operation between the colleges and the teachers of the Department of Economics.

Mr. Abdul Mannan, a teachers of the Department of Economics also spoke on the occasion.