



National culture chair at world varsities urged

The Executive Committee members of the Cultural Commission on Sunday morning called on President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and apprised him of the progress made by the commission, reports BSS.

Led by Prof. Sayed Ali Ahsan Chairman of the Commission the Executive Committee members also exchanged views with the President on the questionnaire circulated by the Cultural Commission.

The State Minister for Cultural Affairs, Mr Nur Mohammad Khan and the Additional Secretary in-Charge of the Ministry,

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Mr Syed Ahmed were present at the meeting held at the President's Secretariat.

Other members present at the meeting were: Dr Alauddin Al-Azad, Dr. Enamul Huq, Dr. Moniruzzaman, Dr. Ashraf Siddiquee and Dr Mahmud Shah Qureshi.

During the discussion with the members of the cultural commission President Ershad underlined the importance of the task of the commission for correctly identifying the culture, heritage and tradition of the country in proper perspective.

Stressing the need for projecting the originality in the field of our culture and tradition the President expressed his opinion that religion has always been playing a vital role in our cultural heritage and tradition. "Our originality and independent nature of the national culture should not be allowed to be

diluted by the influence of alien culture" President Ershad asserted.

President Ershad said Bangladesh has set up a unique example of national unity in the world to face the disastrous floods this year and last year. Similarly he stressed that "we should also set up example before the countries of the world in our cultural field."

As an independent nation Bangladesh is pursuing a distinct independent policy in the field of national development, the President said and added that it is our responsibility as an independent nation to project our own culture and tradition before the world community by maintaining its originality. He said time has come to consider setting up of a separate organisation, which he added would co-ordinate the measures in organised way for projecting the cultural heritage of Bangladesh in the world.

President Ershad stressed for considering actively the question of instituting 'Bangladesh Chair' in the famous universities of the world for projecting the literature and culture of Bangladesh.

The President expressed the hope that the Cultural Commission would be able to make contribution for adopting a correct guideline to project the national culture and offer direction to work for implementation of our objectives.

The Chairman of the Commission, Syed Ali Ahsan thanked the President for constituting the Cultural Commission, which he said would give direction in proper perspective in the field of culture. He also apprised the President of the activities and programme of the commission.