

Tk 3 cr project signed with UNFPA

DU to introduce new deptt next session

Dhaka University and UNFPA yesterday signed a project of 6 lakh US dollar (equivalent to Tk 3 crore) for introducing a new department, reports APB.

The department — Population Science Department — will be introduced under the Faculty of Social Science from the next academic session.

"This is for the first time that the United Nations Fund for the Population Activities (UNFPA) is financing for such a department," said the project coordinator and DU Proctor, Dr AKM Noor-un-Nabi.

The main objective of the project is to improve the standard of living of the people.

A total of 20 students including 10 female students will get a chance for admission into the department equipped with all modern facilities including computer, laser printer, audio-visual, and xerox machine.

A separate library will also be developed at a cost of 15,000 US dollar, according to the agreement.

Every student will get 250 dollar for their two-year fellowship. The students will complete their course in four semesters. Ten students will be provided with 1,000 dollar for research work.

The DU authorities will also spend 2.1 lakh dollar for providing accommodation and teachers' payment.

DU Vice-Chancellor A K Azad Chowdhury and UNFPA resident representative in Bangladesh Dr Alain P Mouchiroud initialled the agreement at the VC's office.

The salient feature of the project is to strengthen institutions and technical capabilities of the department in population teaching and research.

Pro-VC Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed, Assistant representative of UNFPA in Bangladesh Nurul Amin, DU Treasurer Prof M Shamsul Haq, Registrar Muhammad Selim, Arts Faculty Dean Prof Kazi Shahidullah and Social Science Faculty Dean Prof M Asaduzzaman were present on the occasion.