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DU to step up campaign against Cyber crimes

Dhaka University authorities have decided to step up campaign against Cyber crimes after one of its students invented a data recovery software to retrieve information from CIH virus-infected computers.

"We have decided to assist all academic computer networks and other systems across the country to combat all forms of Cyber crimes," DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury told BSS.

He said that the university was ready to help different computer-related organisations including Bangladesh Computer Council and Ministry of Science and Technology.

Meanwhile, the university authorities have decided to award Manirul Islam Sharif, a third year student of the Computer Science Department, who invented the "M-Recovery" software to retrieve information lost in the Monday's worldwide computer disaster caused by Chernobyl or CIH virus.

The software will be distributed free among the personal computer users.

"We are very happy and proud and will award Sharif for his outstanding work and we would like to accommodate him

as a faculty member after he completes formal education," the Vice-Chancellor said.

Prof Azad added that Sharif came out first last year in a worldwide Internet competition.

Taiwanese Chen Ing-Hau, 24, is blamed for the havoc which crippled hundreds of thousands of computers across the world including Bangladesh. Other affected countries include South Korea, Turkey, China, India and several Middle Eastern countries.

Prof Chowdhury said though the Department of Computer Science is a young one in respect to other disciplines, it has already accommodated a number of IT (Information Technology) scholars as faculty members while some meritorious students are also displaying ingenious performance in the IT sector.

Dhaka University has been rated recently by the prestigious Asian Week magazine as South Asia's best and 37th in Asia-Oceania region.