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## Fees exploitation in Ctg high schools

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CHITTAGONG, Aug 11:—Secondary schools affiliated with Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board in Chittagong have allegedly been charging the enrollment seekers far more than government fixed tuition fees, according to a recent study.

The study revealed that the admission seekers had been forced to pay Taka 210 to 600 and Taka 111 to 700 more than the government fixed fees at different public and non-government schools respectively. Committee for Conscious Citizens (CCC) in cooperation with Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) carried out the study in the fifty densely populated areas of the port city where school students are available.

The study had been conducted from October to December 2006 mainly to identify the irregularities in realizing tuition fees, admission process and to identify the teaching standard. Member of the CCC, Chittagong chapter Dr. QM Ohidul Alam presented the study findings at a simple function that held at Chittagong Press Club

auditorium this morning. Convener of the CCC, Chittagong chapter Begum Mustari Sati presided over it.

According to the research findings, most of the government schools including schools under Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) were pocketing extra money by creating various heads for payment. Approximately 76 percent students were given receipts against the fee realized. On the other hand, 30 per cent students have been taught privately for which each student is charged Taka 683 a month. The 54 percent students those are not familiar with private tuition claimed that they had been failing to achieve desired marks in the exams while 40 per cent students alleged that they were not taught properly at the classroom.

Member of the CCC Engineer Delwar Hossain Mojumder, Shamoli Mojumder, Jesmine Sultanara Paru, senior research officer of the TIB Wahid Alam, program officer Golam Mostafa and Subinoy Dutta among others joined function.