

Compulsory primary education

The need for introduction of universal compulsory primary education at all levels in the country was stressed at a discussion meeting on (Universal Children's Day) at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Dacca on Sunday.

Speakers at the meeting organised by the United Nations Association of

Bangladesh (UNAB) observed that the problems faced by our children were the results of the country's overall socioeconomic problems.

In this context, they said, multilateral approach was needed for the development of progressive values and healthy mentality among the children so that they would become

worthy citizens of the country.

Presided over by Professor Kabil Choudhury, President of the association the meeting was addressed, among others by Mr. Rokanuzzaman Khan (Dadabhai), Director, Central Kanchi Kancher Mela, Mr. Bazlur Rahman (Bhulys), Director Central Khelegar Awar, and Mr. Meher Kabil.

Mr. Rokanuzzaman Khan expressed his concern over the rate of drop-out from the primary schools and also the limited cases of the children to the higher education in our country. He said the solution to these problems would be found only with a total change in the country's socioeconomic structure he said the children's

organisations would make great contributing towards the progressive and healthy growth of the children.

Mr. Bazlur Rahman called upon the Government to take a plan for supplying the pure drinking water to the children living in rural areas.

Later, a cultural function was held which was participated by the members of various children's organisations.

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