

### Workshop on open university for Third World

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A three-day international workshop on "open university for developing countries" began in Dhaka on Tuesday to examine the necessity, problems and prospects of the establishment of such institu-

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tions of higher learning in the South Asian region.

A total of 40 education experts from Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, and the United States are participating in it.

The workshop has been organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Distance Education and the Worldview International Foundation.

The organisers of the Workshop said, it was the first workshop of its kind in South Asia, and would examine the issues relating to establishment of open universities in the South Asian regional Co-operation (SARC) countries.

Among the seven SARC countries, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka are already operating such universities with good results.

Inaugurating the workshop Education Secretary Kazi Jaluddin Ahmed disclosed that Bangladesh would, during this year, prepare a master plan with the help of the Asian Development Bank for the establishment of an open university in the country.