



# Information Update

## Resource Materials handed over to Bangladesh Universities and Institutes

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**DHAKA** – The Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP II) and Disaster Management and Relief Division of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management held a Handing Over Ceremony of Resource Materials to 24 public universities and institutes around the country at the Seminar room of Senate Hall in the University of Dhaka.

CDMP and the Bangladesh Government have taken the initiative to build the countries educational system to raise awareness among the countries young mind and provide resources to inspire new generation of Disaster Management Professional. Besides providing resources including books, tuition assistance and curriculum development, CDMP and the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management will set up 10 E-learning centres in different education institutes all over the country.



Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Food and Disaster Management was presented as the chief guest at the ceremony. He welcomed the initiative to strengthen the capacity of the higher educational institute towards developing and nurture next generation of Disaster Management Professionals.



Prof. Dr. M. A. Abdul Jalil Miah, Vice-Chancellor, Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur and Professor Dr. Syed Sakhawat Hussian, Vice Chancellor, Patuakhali University of Science and Technology, Patuakhali also spoke at the event as the guests of honors.

Abdul Qayyum, National Project Director, CDMP presented the government's initiatives to incorporated disaster risk reduction in primary, secondary and higher educational level. Puji Pujiono, Project Manager, CDMP welcomed the gathered to the ceremony. A.S. M. Maksud Kamal, Urban Risk Reduction Specialist, CDMP thanked the distinguished guest for their

support and cooperation.

Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka chaired the occasion. In his speech, Dr. Siddique urged the younger students and teachers for their commitment to elimination of poverty through creating a disaster resilience society as a whole.. Dr. Mahmudul Islam, Learning and Development

Specialist, CDMP moderated the event.

The Ministry of Food & Disaster Management and 12 other Ministries are supporting the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme in further improving the national disaster management system. The Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (Phase II) is a five year initiative (2010-2014) designed to strengthen national capacity to reduce risk, and improve response to and recovery from the impacts of disasters and climate change in Bangladesh. Children from nationwide art and essay writing competition on DRR also received their award from the distinguished guests.

For more information on the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme visit: [www.cdmp.org.bd](http://www.cdmp.org.bd).

*Also available in Bengali*

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