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Press Release

Empowering Minds for Global Harmony: BNCU and UNESCO Dhaka Celebrating International Day of Education 2024 with the theme 'Learning for lasting Peace'

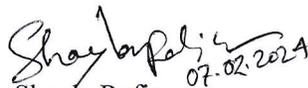
Today (Wednesday), a discussion meeting was organized by Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU) and UNESCO Dhaka to celebrate the International Day of Education 2024 at the auditorium of International Mother Language Institute, Segun bagicha, Dhaka. This year's theme for the day is 'Learning for Lasting Peace'. The Education Minister Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury M.P. virtually joined the programme as the Chief Guest. Ms. Rumana Ali M.P., state Minister, Ministry of Primary and Mass education was present as the special guest. The programme was presided by Ms. Khaleda Akhter, Additional Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education.

Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor Emeritus, Department of English, DU presented the keynote paper on the theme 'Learning for lasting Peace'. Mr. Farid Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Mr. Aziz Taher Khan, Additional Secretary, Technical and Madrasha Education Division and Professor Dr. Gulshan Ara Latifa, Member, Bangladesh Accreditation Council were present as discussants. Ms. Suzan Vize, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh was present as the honorable guest. In his speech, the Minister stated the urgency of global peace in an ever growing world of chaos and confusion. He reiterated on the fact that the govt. of Bangladesh has always believed in peaceful coexistence and has always promoted peace through all its policies and endeavors. Bangladesh is committed to achieve the SDG4 targets and reaffirmed its commitment to inclusive quality education for all children focusing on gender, early years and lifelong learning, digital transformation and sustainable financing. He expressed his belief that our children will grow up as global citizens with all the skills necessary for them to contribute for their country and beyond.

The State Minister of MoPME highlighted on the proper upbringing of a child from an early stage. She reiterated on the importance of cultivating positivity, empathy, confidence and discipline among our children. Quality education ensures quality human being, she added.

In his keynote, Professor Islam emphasized that every country should commit to promote peace. But since geopolitical reasons are at the center of most of the conflicts, establishing world peace lies in the hands of the world leaders. He reiterated on the importance of a transformed and well-resourced education system in order to foster lasting peace.

The Secretary of the event reinstated the State Minister and emphasized on the necessity of nurturing creativity and innovative ideas among the children so that they can meet the need of the future and grow up as active agents of peace.


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