

Discussion on International Year of Volunteers 2001 held

Dhaka, Bangladesh 28 May -- In observance of the International Year of Volunteers 2001, National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh (NFYOB) organized a discussion on 'Youth Changing the World' on 22 May at 5 PM at the auditorium of Shishu Academy.

Advocate Abdul Hamid M.P., Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly was the chief guest. While Mr. Shatish Chandra Roy, State Minister, Ministry of Primary & Mass Education, Mr. Md. Ataur Rahman, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Mr. Golum Rabbani Hiru, IYV Coordinator, UNV/UNDP-Dhaka, Mr. S. Alamgir, MBA, Executive Director, ACI Ltd., Mr. Abul Hasnat, Acting President, NFYOB were the special guest.

Mr. Dulal Biswas, Secretary General, National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh presided over the discussion meeting followed by a cultural show.

Mr. Md. Ataur Rahman, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports delivered the key note speech. Ms. Shelly Pitches, Director, Youth Link Scotland and Mr. Martin Hutchison, a youth leader of Edinburg, Mr. Golum Rabbani Hiru, Mr. A.S.M.mannan, Mr. Md. Sukur Salek, Mr. Swapon Chowdhury, Mr. Aminul Islam, Mr. A. Sarker Babu, Ms. Shamima Rahman Shaila took part in the discussion.

The speakers mentioned that Around the world, the confluence of improved information technology, access to education, and the rise of civic organizations has led to an increased awareness by youth and their communities as to their potential contribution through voluntary action.

They added that volunteer service not only fosters community development around numerous issues, but it also is one of the most effective means to promoting the full development of youth.

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