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Newspaper articles on IYV Regional Workshop for Asia and the Pacific

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“UN Regional Workshop Ends”

Call to Expand Network of Voluntary Services

A two-day regional workshop in preparation of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV 2001) concluded here on Friday with a call to expand the network of partnership of voluntary services globally, reports BSS.

Experts from the United Nations Volunteers Program (UNV) and officials representing 15 Asia-Pacific regional countries took part in the workshop, hosted by the UNDP Country Office in Bangladesh.

They exchanged views and experiences on volunteering in the region and developed country-wide agenda for action explored innovative areas of voluntary services. Besides, the host Bangladesh, the workshop was attended by the representatives from Cambodia, Bhutan, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Laos, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Sri-Lanka and Samoa.

UNV Chief of Asia-Pacific, Europe and CIS Section, Ms. Setsuko Yamazaki conducted the two-day workshop.

Talking to the agency UNV Chief said that they have selected Bangladesh as the venue of the workshop because of its vast experiences in voluntary services during natural disasters. "We have not taken the Bangladesh experience as model, but the regional countries would be benefited from them," she said.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Kazuyoshi Urabe, UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner and Youth and Sports Secretary Manik Lal Somaddar attended the opening session of the workshop.