**Quality Education and skill based learning underscored to cope with fourth industrial revolution:**

Speakers stressed for quality education and skill based learning to adapt to the global challenges and to cope with the fourth industrial revolution.

They made the call in a virtual view exchange meeting on ‘Online Learning’ organized jointly by Chattogram Online School and a2i- Access to Information project of Bangladesh Government on Friday night.

Director General of Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education,[DSHE]  Professor Dr Syed Mohammad Golam Faruk attended as chief guest while Director [College and Admin] Professor Mohammad Shahedul Kabir Chowdhury and Chairman , Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board , Chattogram , Professor Prodeep Chakrabbati were present as special guests.

Secretary,  Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Chattogram ,  Professor Abdul Alim,  Deputy Director [School], DSHE, Chattogram  region, Dr Golam Mawla, Principal , Chattogram Naval College, Captain Jahangir Khan, PSC,  Principal, Chattogram  Teachers Training College, Professor, Nasiruddin Majumdar spoke among others.

Education Expert A2i, Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Sujon, and Attached officer, A2i, Mohammad Kabir Hossain jointly  moderated the session

Associate Professor, Chattogram, Teachers Training College Mohammad Akhter Hossain Kutubi who was also the admin of Chattogram Online School made a presentation on the activities of the school.

 The chief guest said Student empowerment is very important. We need to empower our students’ imparting knowledge and skills-based learning which will help to ensure quality and sustainable education. Self-control is very important to get success. The man who has self-control will surely succeed in life.  Students not only need the teaching, rather they need materials and support to go forward.  Teachers are the change-makers. They should play the role of a facilitator who will inspire and guide the students properly. Empowering the students is more important than traditional teaching.

He emphasized on ensuring quality education. Students must be taught soft skills – Creativity, Criticality, Morality, Employability, Adaptability, Social Commitment and Health to develop empowerment and quality education. Developing Self-control, empathy and cooperation is very important to ensure quality education.

He also said Bangladesh has set an example of virtual teaching-learning through Sangsad tv immediately after the COVID 19 pandemic begins. Online learning has become a trend. It is gaining popularity. The country is doing better than many other countries in the world especially handling the crisis in the education sector. The Government is planning to set up an Education TV channel.

The pandemic situation has also created opportunities for us to adapt and to tackle the crisis situation.  Teachers and students become benefitted attending the online classes staying at home. They proved their resilience to turn around amid the crisis and to face the challenges of the Earth.

He appreciated the move of Chattogram online school for creating a learning platform. The Nation will reward dedicated and sincere teachers for their contribution.

He also noted that a significant number of students can’t get access to Sangsad tv and online platform in the country. Equality is very important to ensure quality education. So we all need to work together to bring all the students under the online school platform during the pandemic situation to reduce the academic losses.

District Education officers and ICT 4E district Ambassadors of the division were also present in the meeting.

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