**Online Learning Summit-2020 ended.**

A three days long [14-16 May] Online Learning Summit-2020 ended amid discussion meeting and prize giving ceremony organized by jointly Daffodil International University and A21 project of Bangladesh Government.

The program was held/ broadcast in the facebook page of Daffodil International University.

 Honorable Deputy Education Minister, Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury was present as chief guest while A2I Policy specialist Afzal Hossain Sorwar attended as special guest with Acting Vice Chancellor, Daffodil International University, Professor SM Mahabub-Ul –Haque Mazumdar.

Chief Executive Officer, Daffodil International University, Mohammad Nuruzzaman, Convener, Online learning Summit and Chief of Computing and Information System department, Sorwar Hossain Mollah were also present.

Executive Director, BSDI, KM Hasan Ripon moderated the session.

Different programs were chalked out for three days sessions. The programs include- seminar, workshops, plenary sessions, series of virtual meetings and debate on digital learning.

Two students of Viqaurunnessa Nun School & College- Rafsa Anjum Proshonsha and Nawrin Nahar became champion and two students from Bir Shreshtro Nur Mohammad Public College, Mohammad Munjer Irfan and Mahamudul Hasan became runner-up in the debate competition. Mohammad Munjer Irfan scored the top speakers position.

Assistant teacher, Ranochandi School & College, Nilphamari district, Ibul Hasan Tushar was given online teaching best practices award, Teacher Daffodil International University, Amit Chakrabbati became the first runner-up and Teacher, Daffodil International College, Farhana Jahan Lata became the second runner in this group.

Congratulating the winners of different groups for different events of the Summit, the chief guest stressed for knowledge and economy based learning which is essential to ensure quality and sustainable education. We are facing challenges in all sectors due to lock down. But, we have also the means to reach out, connect the people and build something beautiful. The world is full of good ideas and opportunities that we can make this happen. We can use the resources in very possible way. We have to get access to the digital platform as it has created a new space of opportunities for teaching learning. Teachers and students can be benefitted attending the online virtual class staying at home during the pandemic covid 19.

He appreciated the Daffodil International University’s move to organize the summit and urged to send the gist of all recommendations and details of the events and discussions regarding standard of the education system in the summit to the Ministry of Education for policy formulations.

Private universities in the country must not only be oriented in imparting business related subjects education rather they should focus on the subjects of science and social sciences. Short courses on technical education can be introduced by the universities, he noted.

The Deputy Minster said, Daffodil International University has set a commendable example introducing free laptop distribution program for the students of the university. He also urged all other universities to set the example.

 Earlier, Honorable Education minister, Dipu Moni inaugurated the summit on 14 May as chief guest. She also launched the two new education management software http:// schoolbd.ac/ and <http://college>, ac/ for enhancing the education system. The university has innovated the software’s. All educational institutes across the country can use the two software’s at free of cost for the next one year.

Teachers, students’ educationists, education officials and policy makers joined the summit. Different sessions, seminar workshop, plenary sessions were held and the technique, ideas and benefits of online teaching learning were shown and discussed. Renowned Head teachers, Principals and Vice chancellors of different educational institutes took part in the sessions and events of the summit. The entire three days program was held in digital platform.

The organizers said, the world has been going through a very critical and tough time. Life becomes complicated. The ongoing corona crisis became a great challenge for the globe. Challenges for educations sorted out and result and details to address the challenge were discussed in the summit. There is no alternative of online learning in this present context to build a sustainable education culture. A friendly bonding will also be created between teachers and students in online teaching learning practice, if we develop the culture, they hoped.

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