BASIS to provide IT training with scholarship

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Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) will introduce ICT training to develop 23,000 professional in ICT sector by 2018. Each of every trainee will get scholarships of Tk 3100 per month including match making after training period.

BASIS will executed the programme under the Skill for Employment Investment Program (SEIP) project of Finance Ministry. BASIS President Shameem Ahsan shared the information at a meeting with media at BASIS secretariat in the capital on Thursday.

Finance Division Additional Secretary Jalal Ahmed, Joint Secretary Abdur Rouf Talukder, BASIS Former President AKM Fahim Mashroor, Treasurer Shah Imraul Kaeesh, Secretary General Uttam Kumar Paul, former Senior Vice President Syed Almas Kabir, Executive Director Sami Ahmed spoke among others at the meeting.

BASIS President mentioned that economic development of our country is impossible without skilled manpower. "Skilled manpower is the main driver of the developed countries. Skill is essential for both personal development and overall development of the country. Skilled manpower attracts the foreign investors also. Creating skilled manpower is not possible at once in such an overpopulated country. So, we declared our vision of One Bangladesh emphasizing on creating skilled manpower," added Shameem.

 Creating one million IT professionals is one of the important pillars of the vision. This program is a part of that vision. After successful completion of the project, the IT companies will get skilled employee according to their need and more employment opportunities will be created for the IT professionals. And the journey of the ICT sector of the country will be enforced by all these initiatives.

A total of Tk 46 crore is allotted for the three year long project in three phases. Training labs will be established in the seven divisions of the country under this project, as stated in the program. Training will be started in Dhaka and Chittagong this year and in the rest of the five divisions after that. Five thousand trainees in the first year and nine thousand each in the next consecutive two years will be trained in different areas of IT sector and will be employed finally. The trainees will be provided training free of cost. In addition to that, they will be given Tk 3100 monthly during the training period.

The details of this training program and application procedure have already been published in BASIS website. The applicants will have to face written and viva exams in three steps to be selected finally for the training program. Only one trainee will be eligible to participate in any one particular subject under this project.