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Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education inspected the SUCCEED Program

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Mr. Zakir Hossain inspecting the program

Mr. Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, inspected the SUCCEED Programme at Syedpur in Nilphamari from 26 to 27 June, 2009. Mr Hossain visited SUCCEED home based pre-schools, school based pre-

schools, child to child, Community Learning Centres during the inspection. He also spoke to the school teachers, school assistant group (SMCOSAG) members and guardians and talked about child education, development and overall

environment of school. He expressed satisfaction and informed that the government has already taken the moral decision for starting pre-school programme in all the primary schools of the country gradually.

BEN Regional Committee Formed

Bangladesh ECD Network (BEN) has formed four regional committees in 2009 to strengthen the networking among the BEN members and ECD stakeholders in the country. The committees were formed in presence of and with the consensus of the BEN members of the respective regions. The Secretariats of the four committees are Village Education

Resource Centre (VERC) for Dhaka region, RDRS Bangladesh for Rajshahi region, Jagorani Chakra Foundation (JCF) for Khulna-Barisal region and Community Development Centre (CODEC) for Chittagong-Sylhet region. The Member Secretaries of the four regions met with the central Executive Committee

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Child Education Expands to the Remote Char Area of Kurigram



Children are engaged in reading

The children of the remote char area of Nageshori and Vuringamri upazila at kurigram, who were deprived and spending days without food few days ago, are going to the school with books in hands today. The project titled 'Shishur Khomotayan' run by RDRC Bangladesh is engaged in encouraging fifteen hundred children in primary education from sixty pre-schools of these two Upazilas. The children are acquiring social and environmental competency by obtaining the basic concept of number and letter as well as reciting rhymes and poems through different play activities from these schools.

in a meeting on 5 October 2009 at IED, BRAC University to draft a one year activity plan for the regional committees. The draft activity plan will be shared in the

respective regional committees for their feedback and finally it will be approved by the central Executive Committee.

Sisimpur Steps into Fifth Year

Sisimpur, the most favorite television show for children aired on BTV on Fridays, has stepped into its fifth year. Nayantara Communications arranged a ceremony to celebrate the occasion at Bongobondhu International Conference Centre on 15th September, 2009. Abul Kalam Azad, Minister of the Ministry of Information, attended the event as the chief guest. James F. Moriarty, Ambassador, USA; Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, State Minister of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs; Dan Donohue, Country Director, Sesameworkshop; Asaduzzaman Noor MP; Aly Zaker; Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Information and others were also present at the programme. Sara Zaker, Project Head, Nayantara Communications presided the

programme. Young children,



Mr. Abul Kalam Azad with Haluma and Tuktuki

the main attraction of the event, attended the programme to spend a few hours with 'Tuktuki' and 'Halum', two popular Muppet characters in the show. Singer Mehrin and popular writer Zafar Iqbal also joined the children at the event. Mr. Abul Kamal Azad congratulated Sisimpur and hoped that in future the programme will keep contributing in providing education for the young children.

Initiative of Songshoptaque



A view of the day care centre

Songshoptaque, a member of BEN, has inaugurated a 'Day Care Centre' on 25th August, 2009 with the support of Phulki and Aga Khan Foundation under the project of ECDSB-B to ensure day care for the children below three years old of the employees who work in the Modesty Bangladesh Limited Garments and Asian Apparels Limited in Chittagong.

Sourav Borua, Executive Director of Songshoptaque, Mirza Galib, Senior Officer of Modesty Garments, Nicoles Bishwas, HR Manager of Asian Apparels and the employees of the both organizations were present in the ceremony. The guests addressed that garments industries are earning foreign currencies significantly. They agreed that the overall development of Bangladesh can not be achieved if the security of the employees who works in these industries and their children is not ensured.

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