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In touch with future, a call to make digital info a right

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East West University Library organised a seminar on Sunday on instant information, and how to get that to the right person at the right time by creating digital resources

Renowned professor of Dhaka University and current pro-Vice Chancellor of East West University Prof Dr Muniruddin Ahmed was the chief guest on the occasion.

Faculty members of Information Science and Library Management department of Dhaka University Kazi Mostak Ga'usul Hoq and Natiz Zaman Shuva, and IT and management consultant Mark Invention of New Zealand were also present.

Launching the library service, called 'Instant Messaging

Reference Service', Prof Ahmed said East West University is proud to introduce this unique library system. "With this service, faculty members of East West University will be able to get library-related information and instant research assistance from wherever they are," he said.

Resource person on 'Instant Messaging Reference Service' Nadiz Zaman Shuva of the Dhaka University's Department of Information Science and Library Management, gave a demonstration on how to implement the Instant Messaging Reference Service for any library or information centre. He said a modern information service of such nature is the need of the hour for all ministries and other government institutions with library and informa-

tion centre.

The system would enable everyone to get government information online, at the click of a mouse.

He said the dream of 'Digital Bangladesh' cannot be completely successful unless the digital information service is introduced in each library and information centre in the country.

He also stressed the need for integrating ICT into school and college curriculum to give shape to an IT-centric future.

Resource person on 'open source software' Kazi Mostak Gousul Hoq, also of the Information Science and Library Management department of Dhaka University, talked about the global open source software movement.

