Seminar on 'greenstone' at East West University

To offer right information to the right person at the right time and creating digital resources, East West University Library organized a seminar on 18th of July, 2010 at their university campus. Renowned Professor of University of Dhaka and current Pro-VC of East West University Prof. Dr. Muniruddin Ahmed was present as Chief Guest. Faculty members of Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka Mr. Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq and Mr. Nafiz Zaman Shuva and IT & Management Consult, Mark Invention of New Zealand were present as Resource Persons of the seminar.

Prof. Dr. Muniruddin Ahmed launched the library service called 'Instant Messaging Reference Service'. He said East West University is proud to introduce such a very time befitting library service first time in Bangladesh. 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.

Resource person on 'Instant Messaging Reference Service' Mr. Nafiz Zaman Shuva of Dept. of Information Science & Library Management, University of Dhaka practical-

ly demonstrated implementing Instant Messaging Reference Service, for any library and information centre. He emphasized implementing such a very friendly modern information service in every government ministry and other government institutions having library and information centre, so anyone seeking government information may get the information instantly online from wherever they are. He said the dream of Digital Bangladesh will never be completely successful unless we introduce Digital Information Service in all library and information centre in Bangladesh. He also said that without integrating ICT into the school and college curriculum immediately we cannot expect ICT competent future generation.

Resource person on 'Open Source Software' Mr. Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq of Dept. of Information Science & Library Management, University of Dhaka talked about open source software movement in the world. He presented current state of open source software use in Bangladesh and in the world. Mr. Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq considers open source software as a great gift for developing countries like Bangladesh. Due to limitation of funds libraries of Bangladesh are unable to introduce ICT system. He emphasized on the necessity of nationwide movement for open source software in Bangladesh. He assured any support required for open source software movement in Bangladesh.

Mr. Ahmed Wasimul Bari gave his speech on 'Greenstone' Digital library software. He showed different modules of Greenstone software, benefits, use and other practical things. East West University Library is working on creating digital collection using Greenstone software.

Mrs. Dilara Begum Head of East West University library heart fully thank the participant of the seminar and assured her help in building digital libraries in Bangladesh.

Faculty members from the Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka and Rajshahi, faculty members of East West University, distinguished library professionals attended the seminar.

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