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Development activity showcased at fair

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The Bangladesh Development Forum (BDF) has arranged a 'development fair' for the first time in the country to showcase different activities and technologies of government ministries and development partners.

With 40 participants, the fair that began yesterday is taking place on the sidelines of the two-day BDF at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

Almost all the ministries are participating in the fair to inform people of the services they render to develop the country, BDF organisers said.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina takes a tour of a 'development fair' organised by Bangladesh Development Forum at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. Photo: PID

Talking to The Daily Star, Naila Yasmeen, planning and development officer of the Directorate of Primary Education, said they are highlighting ongoing government development plans for primary education at the fair.

"Many people do not know the government's action plan on primary and mass education. Of course, such a fair will help disseminate vital information about the condition of primary education in the country," Yasmeen said.

She said the idea of holding a development fair is good as participants have an opportunity to simultaneously showcase their activities to development partners, policy makers and other influential people of the society.

Previously, Bangladesh did not have an opportunity to participate as the development meeting was usually held in Paris, she said.

Similarly, Harun-Ur-Rashid, agricultural extension officer under the agriculture ministry, said many are not aware of the urban agricultural activities of the government.

He said he has been working in urban Dhaka to increase productivity in domestic agriculture like planting vegetables and fruit trees on building rooftops.

"We have a great potential to grow agricultural products in urban areas, including rooftop plantation, but many people in the city do not know about the government's activities in this regard," Rashid said.

He said at present, four offices are working in four zones in Dhaka city to expand such urban agricultural programme.

Development partners of Bangladesh and policy makers were the main visitors at the fair.

The participating ministries, departments and NGOs used different banners, placards, posters and leaflets to disseminate information about their activities.

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