



ইউএপিতে আন্তর্জাতিক সেমিনার

ইউনিভার্সিটি অব এশিয়া প্যাসিফিকে (ইউএপি) ১৯ ও ২০ আগস্ট দুই দিনব্যাপী 'পরিবহন এবং গতিশীলতা : কর্মরত মহিলাদের প্রয়োজনীয়তা পূরণ' শীর্ষক সেমিনার অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে। ইউএপির গ্রিন রোডের নিজস্ব ক্যাম্পাসে দ্য ইউনিভার্সিটি অব লিডস এবং ইউএপি যৌথ উদ্যোগে এই সেমিনারের আয়োজন করে। সেমিনারের প্রথম দিনে ইউএপির উপাচার্য অধ্যাপক জামিলুর রেজা চৌধুরী 'ঢাকার পরিবহন রূপান্তর' শীর্ষক বক্তব্য উপস্থাপন করেন। দুই দিনব্যাপী এই সেমিনারে আরও উপস্থিত ছিলেন ইউএপির ট্রাস্টি বোর্ডের চেয়ারম্যান কাইয়ুম রেজা চৌধুরী, সহ-উপাচার্য অধ্যাপক এম আর কবির, সিভিল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগীয় প্রধান অধ্যাপক মিজানুর রহমান প্রমুখ। বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Dhaka transport not women-friendly

International workshop told

Staff Correspondent

Women feel uncomfortable and unsafe while travelling on public transport in Dhaka, especially buses, but they are bound to use the transportation due to a lack of alternatives for them, speakers said at a workshop yesterday.

They said women even have to struggle accessing the available transportation.

Those who prefer walking to riding buses cannot walk comfortably as most of the roads in the capital do not have good walking facility, they said, adding that the surrounding environment of the footpaths was also women-unfriendly. The University of Leeds and University of Asia Pacific (UAP) jointly organised the workshop on UAP campus in the capital.

Poor working women are the worst sufferers; therefore, the authorities concerned should ensure their easy access to public transport by increasing the number of buses and making those women-friendly, said the speakers. They also urged the authorities to build wide and well-structured footpaths, and ensure lighting facilities on the footpaths. Faculties of different local and international universities took part in the workshop. Dr James Evans, a professor of the University of Manchester, said boarding and exiting the busses is the biggest challenge for the women, and they have to fight with other male passengers to get access there. Besides, they do not feel safe walking on the footpaths, especially during night, and when they walk people's attitude makes them uncomfortable, he said. Therefore, the authorities should increase lighting facilities and ensure police presence on the footpaths, he added.

Karen Lucas, professor of the University of Leeds, said a coordinated government approach is a must to solve the women's problems in transportation. Men should change their negative attitude towards women and help the latter as much as they can, she said. Farzana Rahman, a professor of UAP; Debra Efroymsen, international adviser to the Institute of Wellbeing in Bangladesh; and Dr Nova Ahmed, an associate professor of North South University, also spoke among others.

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Int'l workshop on 'Transport and mobility: Meeting the needs of working women' at UAP



Prof Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of University of Asia Pacific makes a presentation at a two-day long international workshop on "Transport and Mobility: Meeting the Needs of Working Women" held at the University recently.

Campus Report :

A two-day long international workshop on "Transport and Mobility: Meeting the Needs of Working Women" was held at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) from August 19-20, 2017. The University of Leeds and UAP jointly organised the workshop to find out the reasons why women feel uncomfortable and unsafe while travelling on public transport in Dhaka, especially buses. The workshop also pointed out that women even have to struggle accessing the available transportation. The first day of workshop began with a presentation on "Transformation of Transport Landscape in Dhaka" by Prof Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, UAP.

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<http://m.thedailynewnation.com/news/145346/intl-workshop-on-transport-and-mobility-meeting-the-needs-of-working-women-at-uap>