

# BB to train up 10,200 to create new entrepreneurs

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Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman has said the central bank is going to train about 10,200 people next three years to fill up skill gap in Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector and create new entrepreneurs. Of the total trainees, 40 per cent trainees will be selected from women, people with disabilities, ethnic minority and indigenous people.

The governor disclosed this while addressing a discussion on Financial Inclusion Literacy for Strengthening Entrepreneurial Capacity held at Westin Hotel in the city Wednesday.

"SME has experienced a tremendous development in Bangladesh over the last 5 years, which has created a skill gap", he said.

A project titled "Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP)", assisted by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has been taken in this regard.

Under this project, he explained, the training programmes would create soft skills, up-skill and employment generation skill in 5 fields- IT, garments, light engineering, industrial electrical maintenance etc. through 8 (eight) outsourcing of skill training providers.

The outsourced firms will be responsible for at least 70% or more job placement after the training.

Organised by Mastercard Bangladesh, the discussion was addressed among others by Porush Singh, Division President, South Asia & Country Corporate Officer, Vikas Varma, Executive Director, South Asia, MasterCard, Syed Mohammad Kamal, Country Manager, MasterCard Bangladesh, Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, BURO Bangladesh.