

SMEs encouraged to think big -The Asian Age

Speakers at a program on Thursday stressed the importance of large-scale ventures to make small and medium enterprises (SMEs) an effective power for the country's economic growth and creating employment.

The speakers came up with this remark during a program titled 'Authentic Dialogue on SME Development in Bangladesh', jointly organized by Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), a USA-based development research organization and Access to Information (A2i) Program at a city hotel.

In the seminar, the speakers claimed that due to various problems existing at the producing and marketing level, SMEs are failing to play their desired role in the country's economy despite government's different initiatives. Urging for larger-scale ventures to solve these problems, the speakers said effective research on SME development can play a permanent and significant role in Bangladesh's economic development and eradicating poverty.

This can also be helpful to promote Bangladesh as a middle-income country within 2021, added the speakers. Dr. Atonu Rabbani, Associate Prof of department of Economics in DU and Paula Lopez-Pena, PhD researcher of University of Warwick presented their two separate research papers at the program.

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