



Guests attend an international conference on teaching English literature at the East West University in the capital on Friday. — New Age photo

Literary translation enables effective communication: Serajul Islam Chy

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DHAKA University professor emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury at a programme on Friday emphasised translating foreign literature into Bangla and Bangla literature into other foreign languages, as literary translation enables effective communication between great creative minds and people around the world.

He made the remark at a two-day international conference on 'Teaching English Literature and Interdisciplinary' under way at the East West University campus in the capital.

Calling on the teachers to encourage students to read literature more, he also said that although some teachers engaged themselves in translating Bangla books to English, books written in other languages also need to be translated into Bangla.

Literature has been going through difficulties not because of technology but the dominance of capitalism over technology, he pointed out.

Association of Teachers of Literatures in English, Bangladesh in association with East

West University is hosting the conference.

On the first day of the conference, professor Claire Chambers of University of York, UK presented the keynote speech on 'Postcolonial Literary Border-Crossing and Interdisciplinary Research'.

Professor Rajeev Shridhar Patke of National University of Singapore will present the keynote speech on 'The Implication of Recent Developments in Online Artificial Intelligence Apps for Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities' today.

Syed Manzur Elahi, former advisor to a caretaker government and the chairperson of EWU's board of trustees, chaired the inaugural session while the ATLEB convener professor Tahmina Ahmed was present.

Some 200 paper presenters and participants from both at home and abroad are attending the conference.

ATLEB officially commenced its journey on September 4, 2021 with the aim of building an enduring network among tertiary level teachers of literatures in English.