

Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday said the main focus of D-8 member states should be the overall development of OIC countries through economic progress and enhancing connectivity.

The Prime Minister said this when visiting Secretary General of D-8 Dr Sayed Alo Mohammad Mousavi paid a courtesy call on her at her office (PMO).

Sheikh Hasina emphasized on finding out ways to taking pragmatic projects for the development of the D-8 member counties (Developing Eight).

After the meeting, PM's Press Secretary AKM Shameem Chowdhury briefed reporters.

The Prime Minister also underscored the need for taking initiatives in joint venture by the D-8 countries using their resources to ensure the development of their people.

Hasina said the D-8 member countries could work together exchanging their own experiences for their mutual benefits through enhancing trade.

The D-8 Secretary General praised Sheikh Hasina's role as a founding member of the organization.

He said the work on the policy level of the organization has been completed in the last 16 years since its inception. Now it is working on the tangible development of policymaking on agriculture, transport, trade, economy, civil aviation, shipping, energy and industry sector, he added.

Dr Mousavi also invited the Prime Minister on behalf of the organization to the next D-8 summit to be held in Turkey in December this year. Bangladesh will take over its Presidency in 2016. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Abdus Sobhan Sikdar was present.