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Bangladesh Bank will evolve its next 5 years' strategic plan laying top importance on human resource development.

"Our one of the main focuses will be on leadership development for the country's banking and economic sector," Bangladesh Bank governor Dr, Atiur Rahman said yesterday while addressing a pre-retreat press briefing at the bank.

He mentioned that the central bank has moved to establish a leadership excellence centre in the port city Chittagong to create good leadership through development of human resources. The centre, to be set up with the central bank's own fund on its own land, will follow the model of banking excellence centre in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital.

"We've already appointed an architect for designing the centre," Dr. Atiur said.

The press briefing was arranged ahead of the central bank's executives meeting on 4-6 September at BRAC CDM at Saver to prepare the next five- year strategic plan 2015-19.

Bangladesh Bank's deputy governors Abu Hena Razi Hasan, SK Sur Chowdhury and Naznin Sultana, and advisor Allah-Malik Kazmi also spoke at the press briefing.

Bangladesh Bank executive director Mahfuzur Rahman made a presentation on the current 5-year (2010-14) strategic plan's implementation and achievements.

Bangladesh Bank governor Dr. Atiur Rahman said the central bank's one of the major successes in the last five years was to enhance the financial inclusion, introduce automation, digitization and green banking.

He said the central bank has been announcing its monetary policy keeping its core value of financial inclusion to bring the unbanked people to the banking network. This has given a tremendous result in creating awareness among the common and grassroots level people.

"The financial inclusion has now been incorporated in the BASEL-III in the global practice."

Dr. Atiur said that Bangladesh Bank now discusses different issues with the banking sector stakeholders prior to announcing its monetary policy as part of the financial inclusion strategy. About the automation and digitalization, he said most of the banking services and transactions like cheque clearance and opening L/C have been brought under this system.

The central bank governor said automated credit information bureau has been established and electronic fund transfer introduced as part of the move. "Within years, Bangladesh Bank will do its job in a manner when no paper will be required."

He said Bangladesh has taken the leadership in green banking in the world through promoting environment-friendly projects. "Bangladesh Bank was the first central bank to formulate a guideline on green banking."

Dr. Atiur said the central bank has been working now to enhance an integrated supervision system to monitor the banking activities and services.