

Press Release

The National Book Trust, India (an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Calcutta on 19 June, 2012 at Kolkata for starting a one year Postgraduate Diploma Course in Book Publishing Studies. The MOU was signed by the Director, National Book Trust, India with Registrar, Kolkata University in the presence of Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta and office bearers of Publishers and Booksellers Guild, Kolkata. The course is to commence from the current academic year with an intake of 25 students under the Centre for Studies in Book Publishing, Calcutta University. The process of admission for the said course will start during the month of August, 2012 by the University.

During the event, Prof. Suranjan Das expressed his pleasure on signing the MOU with the NBT, India. He said it to be a historical event and first amongst the Universities in the country to have signed such an MOU with a professional body like NBT, India for running a professional course in Book Publishing. As per the MOU, the NBT would be helping the Calcutta University to bring publishing professionals regularly to interact with the students and in preparation of study materials and developing infrastructural facilities etc.

Shri M. A. Sikandar, Director, NBT also expressed his happiness in signing the MOU with Calcutta University and also said that the MOU is not restricted only to run a PG Diploma Course in Book Publishing, but also provide an opportunity to the university to run short term specialised programmes in publishing, seminars, workshops and other book related activities regularly.

The course is expected to benefit the publishing industry by providing professional manpower. The NBT is also planning to introduce Management Development Programme for the working Executives in Publishing industry.