‘Ruppur N-plant to go into operation by 2018’

The construction work of Ruppur Nuclear Power Plant in Bangladesh, assisted by Russian Federation, would be completed within five to six years and go into power generation and distribution by 2018, reports BSS.

The outgoing Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Gennady D. Tkachenko, said this when he made a farewell call on President M. Zillur Rahman in Bangladesh House on Tuesday.

During the meeting, the President said Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relations with Russia and strongly urges to consider Russia as one of the most important friends and partners.

President M. Abdul Hamid expressed his satisfaction on the gradual expansion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

He thanked the Russian government for expanding cooperation in setting up the nuclear power plant in the country that would be able to meet the electricity demand of the western parts of the country.

Zillur Rahman sought Russian investment in the country’s potential sectors, and urged Russian businesses to tap the world’s standard Bangladesh products considering their competitive prices.

The President recalled the immense contribution of the Soviet Union during the War of Liberation of Bangladesh.

The outgoing envoy said the government is expecting that a number of memorandums of understanding (MOUs) between Bangladesh and Russia would be signed during the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Russia in November this year.

He hoped that the visit of Bangladesh premier to Russia would open new avenues of cooperation between the two countries.

The outgoing ambassador said his government is keen to increase trade and commerce relations with Bangladesh.

He thanked the President for extending cooperation for successfully carrying out his assignment here.

Secretaries concerned of the President’s Office were present.

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