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Brac University launches integrated library system Koha

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Koha, the first and most advanced Open Source Integrated Library System (ILS) in the world, was launched at Brac University Ayesha Abed Library recently, says a press release.

Prof Nazrul Islam, chairman of the University Grants Commission, formally inaugurated the ILS (<http://library.bracu.ac.bd>) at a function as the chief guest.

Vice Chancellor of Brac University Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury and Pro-VC Prof Md Golam Samdani Fakir addressed the function.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Nazrul Islam praised the initiatives of by the Brac University to establish an Integrated Library System (ILS) and train up library professionals in order to build capacities for other universities.

Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury ranked Koha as a sophisticated 21st century modern ILS because of its excellent features and characteristics.

Prof Md Golam Samdani Fakir mentioned that the main purpose of the project was to implement a complete library automation system and develop BRAC University as local resource.

Brac University Ayesha Abed Library has successfully completed the project 'Creating an Integrated Library System (ILS) using Open Source Software Koha' with funds from Elsevier Foundation, UK.

Brac University was one of the four universities selected by Elsevier from among 165 applicants from different countries to receive funding for this project. Library professionals from different universities and institutes participated in the ceremony.