FM leaves for Singapore today

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan leaves Dhaka today on official visits to

Singapore and the Philippines. The Foreign Minister will hold bilateral meetings with his Singaporean and Filipino counterparts. He will also $address\,a\,meeting\,of\,businessmen\,from$ $Bangladesh\, and\, Singapore.$



David Fletcher, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bank, inaugurated the newly refurbished VIP lounge of the National Press Club at a simple

Painting exhibition with a difference

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A painting exhibition has got underway in the city with a difference. It is an exhibition of paintings by some underprivileged children who have no formal training in this field.

Yet their creations have impressed the visitors. Their work of art has proved that they have similar dexterity in creative field as they have in their

The painting exhibition has been organised by Underprivileged Children's Educational Programmes (UCEP), Bangladesh which is a nongovernment organisation working since 1972.

The exhibition has offered the children a room to expose their creativ-

The exhibition began at UCEP head office at section 2 of Mirpur on November 6.

Earlier, 24,000 working children from 39 UCEP schools across the country participated in a painting $competition in two \, age\text{-}groups.$

Obituary

Engineer Salauddin Ahmed, managing director of Techno Plus Ltd., died of a cardiac arrest at the National Heart Foundation Hospital yesterday at the age of 54, says a press release.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

 $Members\,of\,the\,Bangladesh\,Plastic$ Goods Manufacturers' & Exporters' Association expressed condolence at his death.

Death anniversary



The third death anniversary of freedom fighter Rafiqul Islam Bakul will be observed today, says a press release.

Former president of Pabna district BNP, Bakul was elected member of parliament thrice. He died in

a road accident in 2000. Various organisations including Pabna district BNP, Bakul Smriti Parishad and Pabna District Muktijoddah Sangsad have arranged qurankhwani, milad mahfil and discussion meeting to mark the day.

Dr Kamal Rahim



Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, will be observed today, says a press A milad mahfil and doa will be held at $his\,Az impur\,residence\,after\,Asr\,prayers.$

The second death anniversary of Dr Kamal Rahim, former member-

been requested to attend the programme.

Dr Mohammad Mostafa

The third death anniversary of freedom fighter Dr Mohammad Mostafa will be observed today.

Relatives, friends and admirers have

Milad mahfil will be held at his residence at Feni town and at his village home at Sonagazi.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programme.

The exhibition is displaying the colourful drawings of the winners at divisional levels.

The paintings were evaluated by a panel of judges comprising renowned artists Prof Rafiqun Nabi, Prof Abul Bareq Alvi and Samina Nafies.

The participants used crayons, water colour, wood pencil and sketch pen as mediums to translate their thoughts into paintings.

The hues and tones used in paintings gave the exhibition a festive look. The little painters picked up differ-

charmed the visitors. They depicted beautiful landscapes of rural Bangladesh and showed their

environmental awareness through a sketch titled 'Deforestation'. "I want to convey the message that clean environment is a must for all,

said Md Sohaguddin who painted $clean\,surroundings\,of\,a\,village\,home.$ A student of class eight of Gonoktuli UCEP school, Sohag never had any

formal training in painting. Now he is attending a course at Shishu Academy. The paintings are open for sale and the proceeds will be used for funding the UCEP programmes, said the

authorities. Matin Chowdhury, chairperson of UCEP Board of Governors, hoped corporate agencies and NGOs would come forward to buy the paintings for their greeting cards and other publica-

The exhibition will continue till November 13 from 2.00 pm to 6.00pm

