



Litterateur Syed Shamsul Haque inaugurates the 'School Information Day' of Australian International Grammar School in the city yesterday.

School Info Day observed at Australian School

The Australian International Grammar School in Dhaka yesterday observed its 'School Information Day' for the second year after its establishment in 2004, says a press release.

Eminent author Syed Shamsul Haque inaugurated the programme through lighting candles. Children, guardians, school staff and directors accompanied him during the inauguration.

Painting competition and cultural programme were followed in the programme held on the school premises.

Managing Director Golam Mostofa presented information about admission to the School and formally started the procedure of admission.

Chairman Monjur Ahmed, Rashid Haider, Nader Chowdhury and Jhuna Chowdhury were also present in the daylong programme.

AL leaders visit

Mizan Chy at hospital

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Awami League (AL) central leaders, including General Secretary Abdul Jalil MP, visited the ailing member of the AL Advisory Council and veteran politician Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury at Birdem Hospital in the city yesterday.

Obaidul Kader, Dr Shamsul Haque Bhuiyan, Swadhinata Chikitshak Parishad General Secretary Dr Iqbal Arsalan, Ruhul Amin, Nirmal Goswami and Sujit Roy Nandi spent some time at Mizan's bedside and enquired about his treatment.

BPSA executives

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Additional Inspector General of Police Khoda Bux Chowdhury and Dhaka Superintendent of Police (SP) Bakhtiar Alam have been elected president and general secretary of Bangladesh Police Service Association (BPSA).

The 39-member new executive body of BPSA for the year 2006 was elected at the annual general meeting of police at the Police Headquarters in the city on Friday.

The body was elected uncontested as no other panel appeared in the election.

AL programmes on Bangabandhu's Home Coming Day

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The main opposition Awami League has taken elaborate programmes to mark the Bangabandhu's Home Coming Day on January 10.

The programmes include discussion on the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum premises on January 9 afternoon, hoisting national and party flags atop the AL central office, the Bangabandhu Bhaban and party

offices across the country and placing wreaths at the portrait of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Bhaban at 6:00am on January 10.

Besides, the local leaders will place wreaths at the grave of Bangabandhu at Tungipara.

AL general secretary Abdul Jalil in a statement yesterday called upon the people from all walks of life to observe Bangabandhu's Home Coming Day.

Nonprescription inhaler effective for asthma

REUTERS, New York

In a small study of patients with nighttime asthma, a nonprescription inhaler containing epinephrine was nearly as effective as a prescription inhaler dispensing albuterol in terminating an acute asthma flare-up.

It is widely believed that nonprescription epinephrine inhalers are less effective and have

more adverse effects on the heart than prescription drugs like albuterol, Dr Leslie Hendeles and colleagues write in the Annals of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

The new findings, however, suggest that the two different types of bronchodilator provide similar benefits, although more puffs of the epinephrine inhaler are needed.

The findings are based on a study of eight adults with nocturnal asthma who used first one type of inhaler then the other in cross-over fashion. During nighttime asthma flare-ups, the subjects were instructed to administer up to 14 actuations of the assigned agent.

During an attack, lung function fell to about 45 percent of what it should normally be, but treatment with the epinephrine and albuterol inhalers increased function to 86 percent and 93 percent, respectively.

Symptoms fell as lung function improved, and did not return following treatment with either agent.

Typically, 14 puffs of the epinephrine inhaler were needed for the patients to become symptom free, whereas just six actuations of the albuterol inhaler were required.

Contrary to concerns, the extra actuations with epinephrine did not translate into an increase in cardiovascular side effects.

Despite these encouraging results, "a study with a larger number of patients is required before epinephrine can be recommended as rescue therapy," the team concludes.



Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, a trustee of Gono Biswabidyaloy, distributed certificates among the participants of the free computer training of 25th batch at the campus auditorium. The University Campus is organising the course regularly with a view to enhancing knowledge of information technology. For free training, contact: 33, Topkhana Rd (Floor 12), Tele: 9560225, 9550055.