

Venezuela lauds success in women edn, micro-credit

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Ambassador Rafiq Ahmed Khan presented his credentials to Venezuelan Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel at a ceremony recently.

Khan, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Canada, is concurrently accredited to Argentina, Cuba, Jamaica and Venezuela, said a foreign ministry press release in the city yesterday.

After presenting his credentials,

Ambassador Khan also conveyed greetings of the President and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to the Venezuelan President and the Vice-President.

Khan highlighted the achievements of present government in the areas of micro-credit management, rural development, food production, women empowerment, girls' education, population control and the country's role in the UN and other international forums as well as the contribution to the UN peace-

keeping efforts.

The Venezuelan Vice-President thanked Bangladesh for its support and cooperation to his government on various issues in the international forums.

He also appreciated the success of Bangladesh in the fields of women education, agriculture and micro-credit management and expressed his government's desire to maintain closer mutual cooperation with Dhaka in the coming days.



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Nadim Qadir, writer of "My Beautiful Bangladesh", hands over a copy of the book to Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury at an exhibition organised by Focus Bangla at Chittagong Press Club yesterday.

Help project positive Bangladesh to world: Mohiuddin

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Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury urged all to help project a positive Bangladesh to the world.

"The independence we enjoy now is hard-earned. So, it is an obligation to all of us to bring glory for the country," the Mayor said while inaugurating an exhibition of photo features at Chittagong Press Club (CPC) auditorium yesterday morning.

Focus Bangla, a nationwide photo agency, organised the exhibition styled "My Beautiful Bangladesh", a photo album comprising 32 photo features by Nadim Qadir, advisory editor of the agency.

Mayor Mohiuddin commended Nadim and Focus Bangla for publishing an impressive book on Bangladesh and promised to buy 100 copies of "My Beautiful Bangladesh" for the students of CCC-run schools.

"My father was martyred in

Chittagong by the Pakistani occupation forces during the liberation war in 1971 and therefore a bit of personal emotion is involved here in Chittagong," Nadim said adding, "We all should try our level best to build a beautiful Bangladesh."

Focus Bangla Managing Director M Kamal Hossain, veteran

journalists Obaidul Haq and Iskander Ali Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

Ten percent of the total proceeds of albums and posters, displayed at the exhibition, would be handed over to Acid Survivors Foundation, the organisers said.



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Awami Jubo League stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting arrest of its activists.