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IDB VP meets Salahuddin Yusuf

Vice-President of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Oustnane Seck called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf at his office

yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to mutual interest.

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President, PM greet Akihito

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has felicitated Emperor Akihito of Japan on the occasion of his birthday, reports BSS.

in a message, President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed expressed his confidence that the existing bonds of friendship between the two countries would be further strengthened and consolidated in the years to

He wished emperor Akihito's good health, happiness and long life and the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Japan.

Meanwhile, in another message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday felicitated Ryutaro Hashimoto, the prime minister of Japan on the occasion the birthday of the Em-

She expressed her confidence that the fraternal relations so happily existing between the two friendly countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

ESP launching ceremony today

The launching ceremony of Model Essential Services Package (ESP) Clinic will be held at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar government outdoor dispensary in the city today, reports UNB. Dhaka City Mayor Moham-

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif will attend the function as chief guest while DG Health Services Prof A K M Nurul Anwar and DG Family Planning Md Shirajul Islam as special guests.

Health and Family Welfare Secretary Md Ali will preside over the ceremony to the jointly organised by Operations Research Project of ICDDR, B and Dhaka City Corporation and Health and Family Welfare Ministry, said a press release.

PM receives Tk five lakh donation from Islami Bank

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received a donation of Taka five lakh from the Islamic Bank Bangladesh Limited, reports BSS.

Commodore (retd) M A Rahman, Chairman of the bank handed over the cheque to the prime minister at her office at Bangladesh Secretariat.

X'mas holidays for US centres

The American Embassy, the United States Information Service (USIS), the USIS Information Resources Centre and the Student Counselling Service will remain closed on Wednesday and Thursday on the occa-

Due to the holidays, the Counsellor Section of the American Embassy requested potential Non Immigrant Visa (NIV) applicants to delay their interview until after January 1 and those whose travel is not urgent to apply for visas after

A USIS press release said an excessive number of visa applications is causing processing delays and regretted any convenience caused.

Visiting Dutch minister for strengthening North-South partnership

The visiting Dutch Minister for Social Welfare and Employment A P W Melkert yesterday laid emphasis on strengthening partnership between the developed and the developing countries to ensure enhancement of people's economic condition at the grass-roots level, reports BSS.

He was talking to the members of a BRAC's village organisation at a village under Sreepur thana in Gazipur district yesterday.

He said that various income generating activities undertaken for the rural poor, particularly women, provided a "new dimension" to the concept of

development.

The visiting minister was happy to see that along with income generating activities, essential health care and knowledge about citizen's rights were also being disseminated to the rural poor. The Netherlands is one of the major donor countries of BRAC.

The women narrated stories of how, after being empowered with the knowledge of the laws of the land, they have been preventing incidents of verbal divorces and social vices like child marriage in their villages.

Training course for T&T officials

A three-day training course on 'Top level management' began in the city yesterday at Telecom Staff College, Gazipur, reports BSS.

M A Mannan Chowdhury, chairman, Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board inaugurated the training course. Inaugurating the course the

T and T Board chairman expressed his satisfaction for arranging the course and urged the participants to work with honesty and sincerity as government officials in order to reduce the sufferings of the subscribers and to complete the ongoing projects timely and effectively.

In all, 15 officers of general manager and director level are participating in the course.

Akheri Munajat December 26

The 'Akheri Munajat' of the on-going eight-day long Islami grand conference organised by Matuail Islami Kafela will be held on December 26 near Matuail graveyard, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The Islami conference,

The Islami conference, which began on December 19, is being addressed by renowned religious leaders and thinkers

• What's on today . . .

Dhaka Film Festival: On the occasion of the inaugural ceremony of the 5th Dhaka International Film Festival, 'Lal Darja' (The Red doors) by Buddhadeb Dasgupta will be screened. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Central Public Library auditorium. Time: 3:45 pm.

Painting competition: In observance of the Victory Day, a children's painting competition titled 'Victory Day on child's eye' will be held. Venue: OEHD School International premises, House No 281/A, Road No 24, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm.

Seminar: On the occasion of the 4th Dhaka Book Fair, a seminar on the role of library movement to increase reading habit organised by the Bangladesh Publishers' Council will be held. Venue: Book Fair premises. Time: 4 pm.

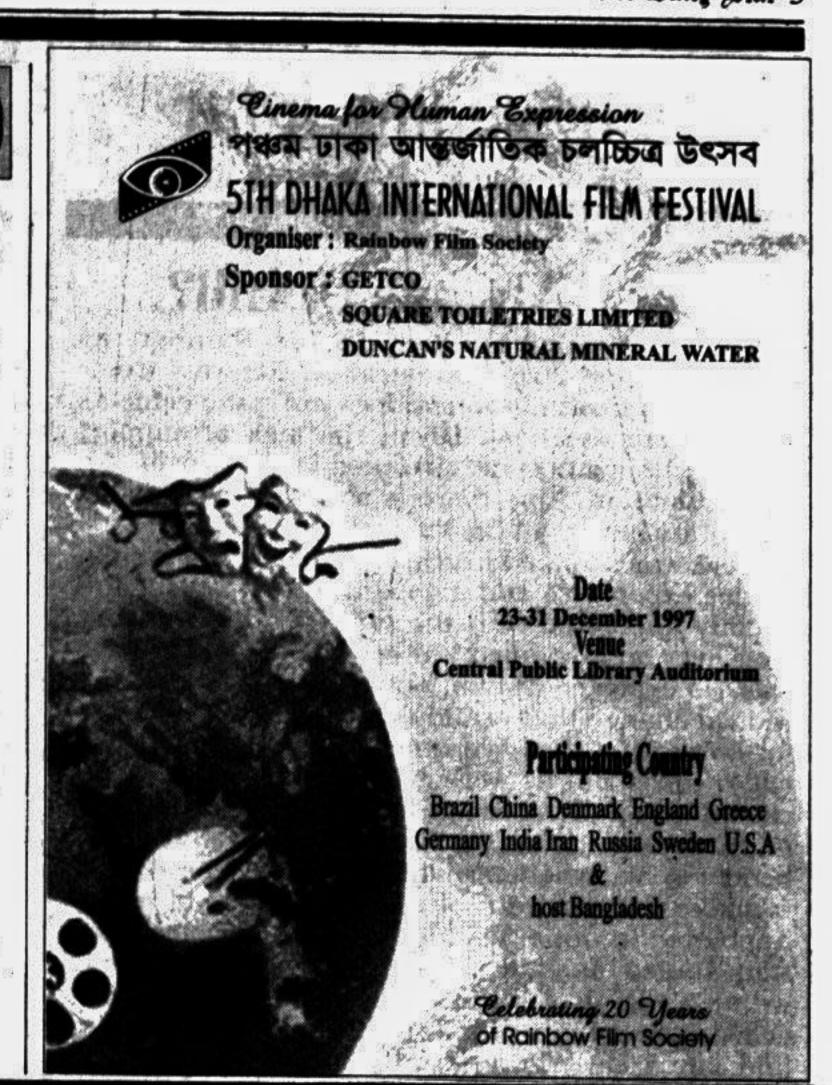
Publication ceremony: Tajuddin Smriti Parishad will hold a publication ceremony of the 'Tajuddin Ahmad Smriti Album'. Venue: National Museum Child auditorium. Time: 4

SCEMRB prize distribution: On the occasion of 20th founding anniversary of the Society for the Care and Education of the Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB), the annual prize distribution ceremony of the cultural competition will be held. Venue: Alamgir M A Kabir auditorium, NIMR Bhaban, 4/A, Eskaton. Time: 9 am.

Discussion on law reform: A discussion meeting on "The Hindu Family Law Reform", organised by the Bangladesh Jatiya Mahila Ainjibi Samity, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium.

Rally on Juvenile Day: A rally organised by the Don Forum will be held to observe the Juvenile Day '97. Venue: Manik Mia Avenue. Time: 11 am.

Rotary Club of Motijheel: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.



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