

What's on today....

Ekushey Grantha Mela: As part of the book fair organised by the Bangla Academy, a children's painting competition and a discussion on 'new trend in Bangla poetry in the 50s' will be held. Time: 9 am and 4 pm respectively. Venue: Academy premises, DU campus.

Seminar: A seminar on regional and global issues will be held. Organiser: BISS. Keynote speaker: Ali Alatas, Foreign Minister of Indonesia. Venue: BISS Auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road. Time: 3.30 pm.

Confer on arsenic: A 5-day international conference on 'Arsenic pollution of ground water in Bangladesh: Causes, effects and remedies' will begin. Organiser: Dhaka Community Hospital. Venue: Auditorium of LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 9 am.

World Health Organisation

House 12, Road 7, Dhanmondi R/A
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Tender Invitation for Data Entry

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from interested bidders for the work described below:

Description of : Information of about 85,000 completed forms need to be entered into a database according to prescribed codes and guidelines. The number of characters to be entered per form is estimated to be in the range of 800-1,400.

Time allowed : Approximately 4 months for completion of work

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the premise of the World Health Organisation, Dhaka on February 15, 1998 at 2.00 PM. All interested bidders are invited to attend this meeting.

Bids must be submitted to the WHO Office (Attention: Management Officer) on or before February 24, 1998. Only the short listed bidders will be contacted.

WHO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Young professionals speak out Pledge to work on accelerating country's industrialisation process

By Staff Correspondent



Participants at a roundtable on young professionals held in the city yesterday.— Star photo

A group of young professionals have decided to work on different development and growth-related issues to accelerate the country's process of industrialisation.

The decision was taken at a meeting held yesterday in the city. The meeting was a follow-up of The Daily Star organised conference on "Young professionals and Entrepreneurs" held at the British Council Auditorium on December 28, 1997.

Yesterday's meeting was part of an on-going effort of The Daily Star to encourage young professionals and entrepreneurs to speak out on issues affecting their own professional growth and country's development.

The Daily Star Editor, Mahfuz Anam, moderated the meeting and emphasised on development of entrepreneurship in private sector. Terming the young entrepreneurs as the potential leaders in their respective sectors, he called upon

them to come out with visionary ideas and pragmatic programmes.

The young entrepreneurs at the meeting discussed different problems and difficulties they encounter while running an enterprise in the country.

They mentioned the country's image problem abroad, lack of training and managerial expertise, red tapism, bureaucracy, corruption, absence of transparency and political interference as the main problems hindering growth of enterprise in Bangladesh.

The speakers at the meeting underscored the need for arranging regular lecture sessions on various topics for sharing experiences among the new and successful entrepreneurs.

The young entrepreneurs have also formed two separate coordination committees to organise seminars on issues related to the needs of private investment and development. They decided to create a think tank for gathering information

and looking into policy options and producing articles on industry related subjects for dissemination.

Quazi Mahmud Ahmed will coordinate the six-member seminar organising committee while Nazim Farhan Choudhury will head the think tank coordination committee.

The seminar organising committee will organise one seminar every month. The first seminar will be held in the first week of next month on "How to be a good manager".

The think tank committee will produce a series of articles on issues of concern to young entrepreneurs every month, highlighting different problems and prospects of industrial development in the country.

Among others, the young entrepreneurs who spoke at the meeting were Rakib Mahmud Fakrul, Mamun Akbar, Sadaf Saaz Siddiqui, S S A Moudud, Nazmul Ahsan, Monwar Moin, Faisal Samad, Data Magfur, M Rafiqul Islam and Osama Tasser.

Timetable for registration of BELT of BOU

The timetable for registration in the second course of Bachelor in English Language Teaching (BELT) programme under Bangladesh Open University has been fixed from February 27 to March 27, 1998, reports UNB.

The learners have been requested to complete their registrations during the period.

Weather

Rain, gusty wind likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions, and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight rise in night temperature is expected across the country, Met office said.

The sun sets today at 5:49 pm and rises on Monday at 6:35 am.

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Inaugural of int'l conference on poverty today

An international conference on poverty titled "Beyond Poverty: Emerging Challenges" will be held in the city from 9 to 11 February, says a press release.

The conference has been arranged by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) in association with LGED and Grameen Trust. The inaugural programme will be held today at 4.30 pm at the LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Minister for Finance Shah AMS Kibria will be the chief guest on the occasion, while Prof Rehman Sobhan of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and Prof Teodor Shanin of Manchester University will be special guests. Prof Yunus, Managing Director of Grameen Bank, will preside.

Commanding general of USARPAC in city

The Commanding General of the US Army Pacific Command (USARPAC), Lieutenant General William Michael Steele arrived in the city yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Army Lieut Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, received him at BAF Tarmac at Kurmitola.

During his stay here, Lieut Gen Steele is expected to attend a seminar on 'South Asian Peacekeeping Experience', lay wreath at the Shikha Anirban (the Eternal Flame) and call on the President as well as high civil and military officials.

Concert in aid of ailing CU student held

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 7: In aid of an ailing student of Chittagong University, who is suffering from cancer, a concert for life was organised this afternoon at the stadium here by Rotary Club of Chittagong and CU students.

Band music performed by artistes of LRB, Miles and Feeling enthralled the audience, comprising mostly young music-loving people from the port city, triggering a dance-wave at the stadium.

Funds raised by selling tickets of the concert will be spent on the treatment of Abu Saleh Mohammad Faruk, a student of MBA (Marketing), the organisers said.

The concert was attended by Minister of Labour and Manpower M A Mannan as chief guest.

The minister in his speech lauded the efforts made for the treatment of a promising university student.

Among others, Jasim Uddin Chowdhury, president of Rotary Club of Chittagong, and Rahbar Alam Anwar, director of the club, addressed the function.

Indonesian FM visits Bangabandhu Museum

The Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas yesterday visited the Bangabandhu Museum at Dhanmondi yesterday, reports BSS.

He went round different rooms of the museum and saw the utility items used by father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members.

DMP holds reception

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arranged a reception and tea party on the occasion of its 23rd founding anniversary in the city yesterday afternoon.

The function held at the DMP headquarters was attended, among others, by Prime Minister's Political Advisor Dr S A Malek, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, State Minister for LGED Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya and Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury. DMP Commissioner A F M Mahmud Al Farid welcomed the guests.

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