

Fair Brings Festivity

The International Trade Fair 2000 drawing big crowd

By Saima Islam

FEBRUARY is usually a month with a carnival of cultural activities centering on our glorious language movement. We have theatre festival, poetry festival, Ekushe Bai Mela and then the International Trade Fair is an addition to the whole carnival atmosphere.

With a view to promote the Bangladeshi goods and to open up an effective relationship with the business world outside the International Trade Fair, 2000 has begun on January 29.

The enthusiasm of the visitors has made the whole atmosphere festive.

This year a total of 30 countries including Bangladesh are participating in the trade fair. About 386 organizations have showcased their range of products through their stalls; among them 35 have large pavilions, 62 have mini pavilion and rest 289 are stalls.

In total the number of Bangladeshi stalls/pavilions are 214 and the rest 72 are for the foreign companies.

As usual the fair premises has been decorated with a view to attract the visitors and undoubtedly the organizers have done a grand job. Each organizer has tried to make their stall unique in their own way. They have used their originality and innovation to create visual illusions with the moderate space they have been allotted.



The number of visitors is increasing day by day as the DTF 2000 gains momentum

almost everything one is looking for in this fair— leather goods, furniture, decoration pieces, home furnishing materials, cosmetics, shoes, dresses, food stuff and those who are looking for bigger bargains can go for car, television, freeze,

collection of quality goods. Apart from the electric products they also have a collection of

popular French cosmetics brand L'Oréal and American brand Maybelline.

Grameen Cheek has brought their usual quality materials those are already popular. Apex is offering a bargain price on their leather products. The consumers can find export quality products in this fair, which they usually cannot buy in the local markets.

Asked about the response, Zillur Rahman, marketing officer of Bhutan Fruit Products Limited said that it's satisfactory and hopes to get greater responses in the coming days. Mosheur Rahman a visitor to the fair expressed his satisfaction on the whole arrangement and said, "I came with my family to look for some essentials and I am enjoying a nice day out with my family as well as buying things".

This is the first trade fair of the new millennium and that's why high hopes are attached to it. This fair, no doubt, will increase the competition among our manufacturers, which will enable them to improve the quality of their products for the national market as well as giving them the opportunity to penetrate into international markets.

The fair will remain open till February 29. The tickets cost taka 10 for the adults and taka 5 for the children.

movie

Solo – The Perfect Solider

The grand premier of the film Solo held at the Modhumita Cinema Hall

By Cultural Correspondent

HE is a master of combats in all its forms. He has no family. No friends. No birth certificates and no social security number. If he is seriously wounded, he will be abandoned by his commanders. No one will even feel bad for Solo. Who would shed a tear for a killing machine, a bio-mechanical weapon.

The premier show of the movie 'Solo' was held at the Modhumita Cinema Hall on February 10.

Before the film was screened trailer from Stephen Spielberg's latest blockbuster 'was shown. Saving Private Ryan' is due to hit the Modhumita Cinema next March. It will be dedicated to the memories of those who had shed their life in our independence struggle in 1971.

The movie 'Solo' tells the story of a bio-mechanical killing machine Solo (Mario Van Peebles), the very best money can buy. He looks like flesh and blood, but he is made of polymers and computer chips. He is the ultimate covert weapon, except for one thing: this weapon was also programmed to learn.

While solo is out on the battle field, he learns about the value of life, which is more than enough to put him on a collision course with Col. Madden



(William Sadler), a man as implacable and pitiless as Solo has been designed to be. On a top secret mission

against the rebel forces in Latin America. Solo refuses to obey an order that would result the death of innocent noncombatants. This directive overrides. The mission goes awry. Solo gets damaged and his military superiors, who see his refusal as a clear defect in his software. They order his creator, a computer genius Bill Stewart, to re-programme him eliminating his directive.

Now the two are locked in a contest that will determine not only their fate but the fate of the entire community of people who have taught Solo what it truly means to be a man.

Mario Van Peebles stars in this science fiction thriller 'Solo', directed by Norberto Barba from a screenplay by David L. Corley based on the novel 'Weapon' by Robert Mason. The film also stars William Sadler, Seidy Lopez, Adrien Brody, Abraham J. Verdugo and Barry Corbin as General Haynes. Solo is produced by Joseph Newton Cohen and John Flock. Jose Ludlow and Gina Resnick are the co-producers. The director of photography is Christopher Walling, with Markus Canter serving as production designer. The film is edited by Scott Conrad. Triumph Films presents an Orpheus Films – John Flock production in association Van Peebles Filmz.

festival

An Okinawan Evening in City

Okinawan music and dance evening at the Osmani Memorial Hall tomorrow

By Cultural Correspondent

THE Embassy of Japan and the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy jointly present "Okinawan Music and Dance" on February 13 at 6:00 pm at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

Two of the front-raking dancers of the country, Shamimara Nipa and Shibli Mohammed, will dance to the tune of Okinawan music.

The music and dance troupes have been assembled especially for a travelling performance to mark the beginning of the year of the 2000 G-8 Summit in Okinawa, Japan. The troupes have performed in America, Europe, Russia, China, India and currently they are on their Southeast Asia tour.

Located in the subtropical zone, Okinawa is one of the most unique and fascinating places in Japan, combining natural beauty with culture. It is also located at the confluence of many Asian lands and cul-



A scene from Okinawan dances - Korea to the north, China to the west and Southeast Asia to the south.

The G-8 leaders at the Summit in Okinawa are expected to discuss international

efforts to build a future rich in creativity, which embraces diverse cultures and civilisations.



An enthusiastic couple visiting a stall at DTF 2000

This year the entrance to the fair has been shifted in front of the Agricultural College instead of the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. This helps to avoid traffic jams effectively that we have witnessed in the previous years.

The fair looks like a giant shopping mall. One would find

washing machine, home appliances and many more at a reasonable price.

Transcom Limited has brought various well-known brands like Philips, Whirlpool, Sonny and Daewoo products in Bangladesh. They have already drawing a good crowd with their

music



Nagar Baul James performs at the open-air concert organised by Antar Showbiz at the Army Stadium yesterday

TV Guide

Saturday 12th February

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 Hardtalk 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 World News 11:30 World Living: Talking Movies 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Question Time India Talk (Presenter: Dr Prnoy Roy) 1:30 BBC World News 1:30 Earth Report 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 USA Direct 3:10 The World Debate 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 World Weekend: A History of British Art 6:16 Our House 7:00 BBC World News 7:25 The Pull of the City 8:05 Weekend World 8:30 World Weekend: The Trials of Life 14/24 9:00 BBC World News 9:10 The Mayfair Set 10:00 World News 10:30 Face To Face India (Quiz Presenter: Siddhartha Basu) 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 World News 12:30 This Week 1:00 World News Headlines 1:30 USA Direct 2:00 BBC World News 2:10 World Weekend: A History of British Art 2:16 Our House 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Reporters 4:00 BBC News 4:25 The Pull of the City

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Virtual [V]/[V] Job-shop 11:00 [V] On Campus 11:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:00 [V] Style Police

12:30 [V] Gone India 1:30

[V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Mainstage 3:30 [V] Hit Machine 5:30 [V] Saturday Special 6:30 [V] Top Of The Pops 7:00 [V] Hit Machine 7:30 Karaoke 8:00 [V] News 8:30 Billboard US Countdown 9:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Saturday Special 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Good Morning India (News Ent) 9:30 Travel Asia #136 10:00 The Great Escape 10:30 Living On The Edge 11:00 I Love My India 11:30 Star Best-sellers Ep-Hum Saath Saath Hain Ky 12:30 TVC Shopping 1:00 Hit Ya Fit #192 1:30 Ajeel Dastan 2:00 Serial: Dhojdh #22 (Pooja Bhat, Akshay Anand, Aly Khan) 2:30 Bakemans - Ooh La La Vj Ruby #126 rpt. (Hindi Top 20 Countdown) 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Milap (Shatrughan Sinha, Reena Roy) 6:30 Kinetic Mega Show- Vj Ruby Bhatia 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Living On The Edge 8:00 Pal Chhin #44 8:30 Zindagi #18 (Supria Pathak, Sharmila Tagore, Urmila Matondkar, Kiran Kumar) 9:00 Serial: Gumrah #11 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Box Serial: Hamesha (Salf Ali Khan, Kajol, Aditya Panchal) 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 Kinetic Mega Show- Vj Ruby Bhatia 2:30 Zindagi (Supria Pathak, Sharmila Tagore, Urmila Matondkar, Kiran Kumar) 3:00 Serial: Gumrah 3:30 Saaboot 4:30 Serial: Chhotisi Baat 5:00 Nanaad

STAR WORLD

7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Fox Kids Show- Biker Mice From Mars 18/26

8:30 Fox Kids Show- Spiderman #19/13 Ep 9:00

Fox Kids Show- X Men #19/26 Ep 9:30 Fox Kids Show- Goosebumps #18/26 Ep 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia #136 R 11:00 Japan Scope 2000- Children's Int'l Exchange 11:30 Grace Under Fire 12:00 Mike Hammer Private Eye 10:00 The Bold & The Beautiful #2117-2121 (2 Hours) 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad Ep 4:00 Series: Hercules Ep-Stranger In A Strange World (Kevin Sorbo) 5:00 World Wrestling Federation Metal 6:30 Series: Xena - Warriors Prences #Ep: The Debt Pt-1 (Lucy Lawless) 7:00 Special Event: Ricky Martin 8:00 Series: Water Rats #21 Ep: Police Issue 13519 9:00 3rd Rock From The Sun Ep: My Daddy's Little Girl 9:30 Special Event: Ricky Martin 10:30 Series: Xena - Warriors Prences #Ep: The Debt Pt-1 (Lucy Lawless) 11:30 Series: Hercules Ep (Kevin Sorbo) 12:30 Mike Hammer Private Eye 1:30 Series: Water Rats #21 Ep: Police Issue 13519 2:30 Grace Under Fire 3:00 Series: The Key of David 3:30 Morris Cerullo 4:00 Hour of Power 5:00 Lassie 5:30 Doogie Howser 6:00 Batman 6:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures

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DD METRO

7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:30 Saturday Wake Up Show 8:00 Business Mantra 8:30 The First Edition 9:00 IT Digest 9:30 Towards Minimum 10:00 Serial: Jung Abhi Jani Hai 10:30 Top Job 11:00 Serial: Mayavi Nagri 11:30 Tele Film 12:30 Regional Programme 1:00 Ved-Bived 1:30 Cookery Show 2:00 Sponsored Prog 2:30 Hindi Feature Film 2:55 News In Urdu 6:00 Dennis The Menace 6:30 Mickey & Donald 7:00 Rich For A Rainbow 7:30 Dum Dum Diga Diga 8:30 Ashlyana 9:00 Show Number One (Countdown) 9:30 Captain House 10:00 Serial: Alif Laila 10:30 Aaj Tak 10:50 Sinbad 11:00 Derik 1:00 Hindi Films

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Action: Excessive Force 10:30 Action: The Protector (Jacki Chan) 12:30 Drama: The Pope of Greenwich Village 2:30 Star Kids Club: Jungle Boy (PG) 4:30 El CP: Michael Keaton 5:30 Comedy: Paws (PG) 7:30 Thriller: The Star Chamber 9:30 US Top Ten 10:00 Thrillennium: Eye For An Eye 12:00 Saturday Late Night Movies: To

DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Magazine 10:30 Parakh (Serial) 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Upasana (Serial) 11:45 Masaal (Serial) 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi) 12:30 India File (Note: Programmes may be changed) 1:00 Hindi Film Show 10:00 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Jetsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Dexter's Laboratory 9:00 Johnny Bravo 9:30 What A Cartoon Show 10:00 The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley 10:30 Big Bag 11:00 Mon Chichis 11:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 12:00 Two Stupid Dogs 12:30 The Twisted Tales of Felix The Cat 1:00 Bugs & Daffy Show 1:30 The Detective Squad 2:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 2:30 Captain Planet 3:00 The Mask 3:30 Adams Family 4:00 The Real Adventure of Jonny Quest 4:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 5:00 The Popeye Show 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 What A Cartoon Show 7:00 Tom & Jerry Show 7:30 Bugs & Daffy Show 8:00 Two Stupid Dogs 8:30 The Detective Squad 9:00 The Twisted Tales of Felix The Cat

HOME TV

8:00 Kaboom Kazoom 8:30 High Five 9:00 Pahl Nazar 9:15 Cartoons 10:00 Action Drama 10:45 Chalte Chalte 11:00 Sinbad 11:00 Derik 1:00 Hollywood Hangama 12:30

Satya 1:00 Tele Shopping

Network 1:30 Tele Brands 2:00 Zaban Saahalkhe 2:30 Ga Mere Man Ga 3:30 Duniya Gol Hai 4:00 Safer 4:30 Matinee Show 5:00 Tele Shopping Network 5:30 Chalthe Chalthe 5:45 Cartoon 6:30 Action Drama 7:15 Chalthe Chalthe 8:30 Born Lucky 9:30 Popularly Yours 9:30 First Cut 10:00 Jaane Kya Tune Kahi 10:30 Duniya Gol Hai 11:30 Aamma & Family 12:00 Zuban Sambhalke 12:30 Panther 1:00 Bollywood Reporter 2:30 Kabhi Idhar

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:00 NBC Nightly News 7:30 Animal Attraction 8:00 Born To Be Wild 9:00 Family Hour 10:00 Bolow Zero Stunt 1:00 Personalities 2:00 Science 3:00 Wild: Hyds 4:00 Giants of Ningaloo 5:00 Family of Felix The Cat 1:00 Bugs & Daffy Show 1:30 The Detective Squad 2:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 2:30 Captain Planet 3:00 The Mask 3:30 Adams Family 4:00 The Real Adventure of Jonny Quest 4:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 5:00 The Popeye Show 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 What A Cartoon Show 7:00 Tom & Jerry Show 7:30 Bugs & Daffy Show 8:00 Two Stupid Dogs 8:30 The Detective Squad 9:00 The Twisted Tales of Felix The Cat

ALPHA TV

6:00 Serial: Griha Laksh Eer Jinn 6:30 Aalap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Margarita 8:30 Serial: Grihalakshmeer Jinn 9:00 Bangla Movie 11:30 Serial: Dour (Gorhe Baker) 12:00 Serial: Sanghaat 12:30 Serial: Shyabul (Kushal Banerjee, Pallo Sab-bosachi, Biplob Chatargee) 1:00 Bahari Ahaar 1:30 Serial: Plabon 2:00 Griho Sajja 2:30 Bangla Movie- Amar Sanghi (Prasentgeet, Vi-

jayta) 5:00 Bharat Bhrom-

man 5:30 Asian Sky Shop 6:00 Serial: Amar Tumi 6:30 Serial: Reen (Navanit Nishan, Mohan Vandan) 7:00 Serial: Ebar Jombe Mawja (Gorgi Nandi) 7:30 Serial: Shesh Prashna (Ranjett Mallik, Anuradha) 8:00 News In Bangla 8:30 Serial: Andolon (Rituporna Sen Gupta) 9:00 Serial: Nil Chander Alo 9:30 Bharat Bhroman 10:00 News In Bangla 10:30 Bangla Movie- Thikana 1:00 Grihosajja 1:30 Bangla Movie 4:00 Serial: Ebar Jombe Mawja (Gorgi Nandi) 4:30 Serial: Shesh Prashna (Ranjett Mallik, Anuradha)

ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Film Show- Jay Vijay (Jeetendra, Reena Ray) 9:30 Chalo Cinema 10:00 Bollywood Top 5 10:15 Movie Fare 10:30 Film Show- Tohfa Mohabbat Ka (Govinda, Kimi Katkar) 1:30 Top of The Tops 2:00 Film Show- Linzaam (Shatrughan Sinha, Shashi Kapoor, Anita Raj) 5:30 Bollywood Top 5 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Film Show- Andaz (Shammi Kapoor, Hema Malini) 9:45 Gunter 10:00 Making of The Legend/First Take 10:30 Film Show- Bol Radha Bol (Rishi Kapoor, Juhi Chawla) 2:20 Moods Melody 2:30 Film Show- Mitti Aur Sona

Sony Max Sat

6:30 Rangeela Re 7:00 Chartbusters 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Film Show- Sikandar 11:00 Chartbusters 11:30 Music Mantra 12:00 Pop Pouri 12:30 Film Show- Hum Paanch 3:30 Chartbusters

4:00 Music Mantra 4:30

Pop Pouri 5:00 Valentine Spacial Film Show- Anjaane Mein (Rishi Kapoor, Neetu Singh) 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Music Mantra 9:00 Uncensored 9:30 Film Show- Pyar Hua Chori Chori (Mithun, Gautami) 12:30 Film Show- Miss Mary 3:30 Film Show- Thakur Diler Singh

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 The Ultimate Guide: Bears 1:30 Seatek 2:00 Medical Detectives 2:30 Lonely Planet 3:30 Discovery Profile Series 4:30 Splat 5:00 Beyond 2000 6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:00 Eyewitness 10:30 Without Warning 11:00 What Went Wrong? 11:30 Uncharted Africa 12:00 Lands of Legends 12:30 New Sanctuaries 1:00 Oceans of Mystery 1:30 Hunters 2:30 The Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Amazonia 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Going Wild With Jeff Gorwin 7:00 So You Want To Be? 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:30 High Adventure 10:00 Outer Bounds 10:30 Wings 11:30 Ultrascience 12:00 Next Step

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Classic 9:00 Non Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Houseful V Nafisa 1:30 MTV Non-Stop Hits 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 5:00 MTV Best of Both Worlds 5:30 MTV Non-Stop Hits 6:30 MTV

Essential VJ Aamir Khan

7:30 MTV Fresh 8:00 Non Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 Houseful VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Loveline 11:30 The Grind 12:00 MTV Unplugged 1:00 Non-Stop Hits Continue

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 Dil Se 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Artist of the Month 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic 1:00 Himani Gold T Quiz 2:00 Music Quiz 2:30 Samay Quetz Best of the Best 3:30 Brake Fail 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Teen Talk 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic 7:00 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits 7:30 Total Recall 8:00 Jhakaas 8:30 Stars Day Out 9:00 Pop Busters 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 DSP Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Music Asia Live 11:45 Shabab 12:00 Brake Fail 1:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 1:30 Himani Gold T Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Jharokha 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 4:30 Brake Fail

of India 6:32 Series: Turning Point 7:00 Serial: Saptahiki 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Khabrein 8:00 Spirit of Unity Concert 8:30 Serial 9:00 Samachar 9:00 The News 9:32 Sangharsh- Mile Sur Mere Tum Hare 9:55 Sanskritinama 10:05 Serial: Jai Hanuman 11:00 News Headlines (Hindi) 11:02 Samayik 12:00 News Headlines (English) 12:02 Talk Back

DD-7

10:30 Movie Club Film (Last Monday's Repeat) 1:30 Movie Club Film (Last Tuesday's Repeat) 4:35 Movie Club Film (Last Wednesday's Repeat) 7:00 Saptahiki 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Sikaroku (Tapas Pal, Sonina - Soma Mukharjee, Arindam) 8:30 Jalsagar 9:00 Special Prog/Katha O Kahini 9:25 Serial: Bangla Aamar Bangla 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Ramayan 9:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:00 Chartbusters 10:30 The Byte 11:00 Indian Magic 11:30 The Good Home Show 12:00 Cook It Up With Tania Dalal 12:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Film: Parichay 4:00 Udaan 4:30 Mahayagya 5:00 Heena 5:30 Kanyadaan 6:00 Saaya 6:30 Star Yaar 6:30 CID EP: Fishwatma (Naseeruddin Shah, Sonam, Sunny Deol, Sunsky Panday, Divya Bharti, Amrish Puri) 12:30 Khoya Khoya Chand 1:00 Aahat 1:30 Missing

DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:30 The News 9:32 Serial 10:00 Awaz: Adult Literacy Prog 10:32 Serial: DayaSagar 11:00 Serial: Mayavi Nagari 11:32 Serial: Lekin Woh Sach 12:00 Amar Chitra Katha 12:30 Serial: Swara 1:00 Regional Film Show 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 3:32 SportsWorld 5:30 Bangla News 6:00 Forests