### Int'l expo on healthcare products begins

BSS, Dhaka

A three-day international exhibition on medical, pharmaceutical and healthcare products and services began at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

Eminent pediatrician and National Professor MR Khan formally inaugurated the exhibition styled 'Meditex Bangladesh and Pharma Bangladesh 2008'.

Dr Sohrab Ali and CEMS President Meherun N Islam were present at the inaugural function as

special guests. The Bangladesh office of US-

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based Conference and Exhibition Management Services (CEMS)

organised the exhibition. According to CEMS sources, the market of medical equipment has been expanding in the Asia-Pacific region since 2005. A market of US\$ 43 billion is likely to be created in the region by 2010.

Medical and surgical companies from China, India, Taiwan, US. Singapore and Pakistan are taking part in the exhibition. A number of local private hospitals and business houses are also taking part in it.

The exhibition will remain open for all from 10:00am to 7:00pm

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Winners of the national competition of 5th Bangladesh Informatics Olympiad (BIO) pose with the guests at the concluding session of the event at Notre Dame College in the city yesterday.



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## Ten win Informatics Olympiad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bushra Mahbub of Viqarunnisa Noon College topped the list of ten winners of the national competition of 5th Bangladesh Informatics Olympiad (BIO) held at Notre Dame College in the city yesterday.

The nine other winners are Gawshey Shahriar, Ananya Das, Areek Mihras, Abirul Islam, Rakib Ansari Saikat, Mainuddin Ahmed Jonas, Fuad Ahmed Jamali, Areek Mohammad Zillur and Faisal Habib.

A total of 43 students, who qualified in the divisional contests in March, took part in the final round of the contest from 8:00am to 2:00pm in the

computer laboratory of the college. Of them, eight came from Chittagong, 17 from Dhaka and six from Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions each.

The programme started with an assembly of students, teachers and organizers at 8:00am. Bangladesh Informatics Olympiad Committee (BIOC) President Prof Md Zafar Iqbal, Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) Secretary Prof Naiyyum Choudhury and Notre Dame College Principal Father Benjamin C Costa spoke at the inau-

gural session. BAS President Prof Shamsher Ali Prof Kaikobad and Shahed of Nestle Bangladesh Ltd were also present.

BIOC and BAS jointly organised the programming contest sponsored by Nescafe 3 in 1. The Daily Star was the media partner of the event.

A team of three to four best contestants from among the 10 winners will take part in the international programming contest to be held in Egypt from August 15 to 22.

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Dress exhibition

**RU CORRESPONDENT** 

A four-day dress exhibition styled 'Grameen Poshak' began at the hall room of central cafeteria of Rajshahi University (RU) on Thursday to celebrate the Pahela Baishakh, first day of the Bangla

New Year. Kajol, Mukta, Shanta, Nazira, Mitu and Onirban, 4th year students of Fine Arts Department,

jointly organised the exhibition. Fine Arts Department Chairman Prof Amirul Momenin Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition, while teachers and students of the department were present on

the occasion. Around one hundred colourful new and traditional dresses have been put on display in the exhibi-

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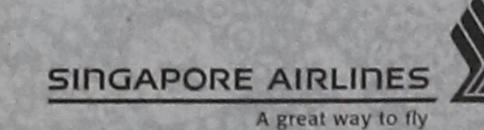
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