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FILM

The film contest is a short documentary and fiction film competition based on the theme "Knowing Bangladesh Better". Contestants have been invited to make films on the aspects of our country, culture and heritage. The theme is quite broad; and filmmakers are allowed to choose to depict any aspect of Bangladesh. We encourage a focus on rural Bangladesh and not just on urban centres.

The length of the films should not be less than 20 minutes, and we recommend not more than 45 minutes. The submissions must be in DVD format for preview purposes. Only winners will be asked to provide master copies of their awarded films in DVCAM master format. Submissions must be original and unscreened work of the filmmakers.

The awards are: Best Documentary, Best Short Fiction, Special Jury Award Documentary, and Special Jury Award Short Fiction. Cash awards in the amount of Tk. 100,000 each will be given to the two Best films, and Tk. 50,000 each to the two Special Award films.

The winning films will be broadcasted on Channel I. The winning films will also be screened in a touring festival program at the district level throughout Bangladesh.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The photography contest is titled, "Bangladesh - My Love," which invites photographs taken anywhere in Bangladesh except Dhaka. The photographs should bring to light a positive image of Bangladesh, based on any specific district or region.

Size of the entries can be either 16" x 20" or 12" x 16", and participants are allowed to submit any number of entries. Submissions will be acknowledged in digital format (CD/DVD only) and print format. Photographers will have to print out their entries eventually, if they are selected.

Ten winners will be selected who will receive certificates, crests and cash prizes. The winner will receive a cash prize of Tk. 25,000, the 1st runner's up entry will receive Tk. 20,000 and the 2nd runner's up entry will receive Tk. 15,000. The rest of the ten winners, 4th to 10th, will receive Tk. 5000 each.

The prize-winning photographs will be featured in a district level festival all around Bangladesh.

