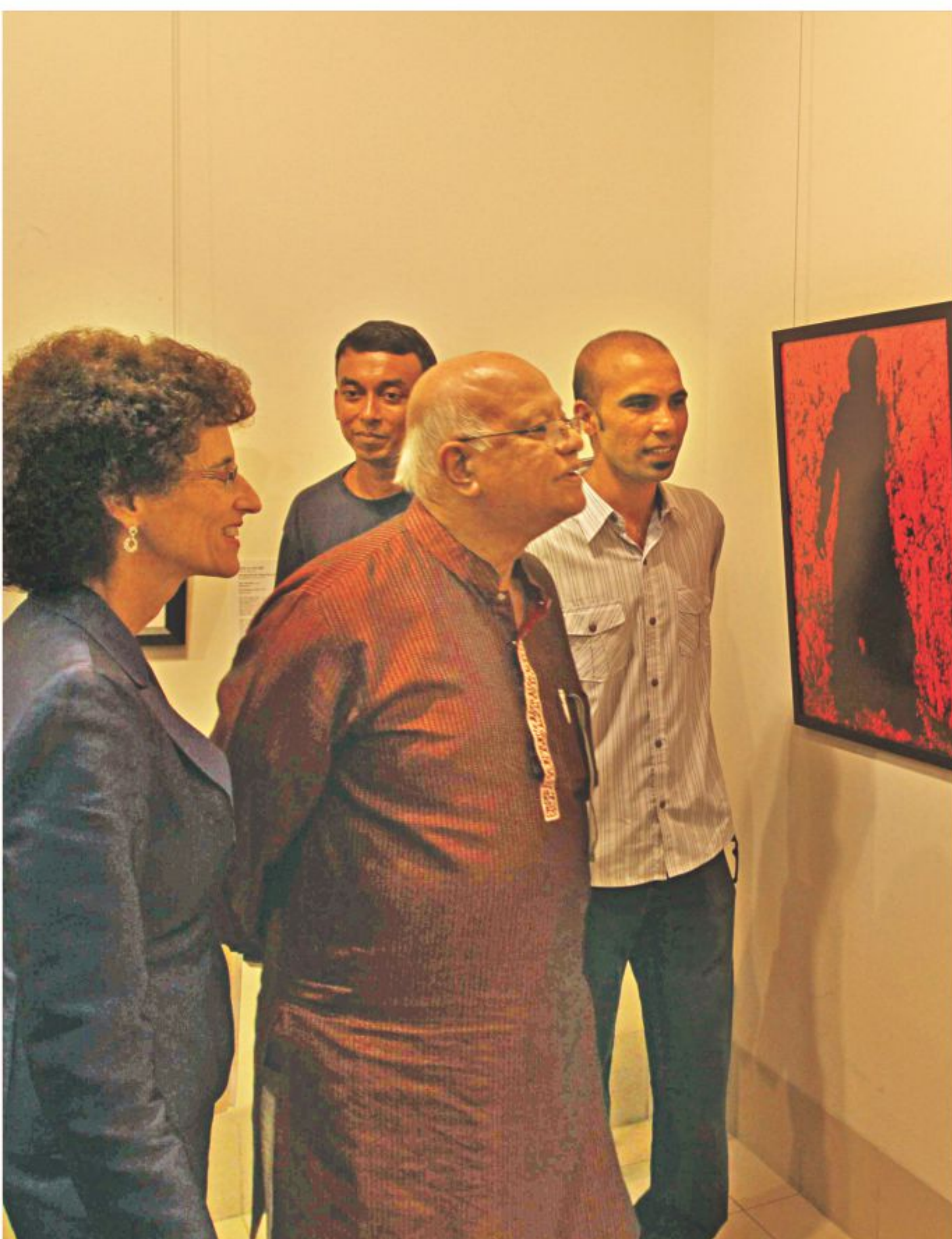




World Bank Country Director Ellen Goldstein, left, and Finance Minister AMA Muhith, centre, view the artworks in South Asia Regional Art Exhibition organised by the bank at Shilpakala Academy in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

South Asia Regional Art Exhibition starts in capital

STAR REPORT

It was an afternoon where artists and photographers from eight South Asian nations brought their visions about the future, together they created their own respective ideas of future that is not at all bypassing the existing real world.

A total of 25 young artistes, born after 1975, sketched their thoughts that ranged from river erosion miseries for hordes of people, and natural landscapes to problems of wars and miscommunication.

And they have used all forms of arts, from ancient traditional technique of painting to digital printing, where the imaginations and dreams took a huge leap from just a bright coloured canvas to a piece that speaks of time.

"In building a common vision for a more prosperous future in South Asia,

young artistes and other youths have an important role to play. This was the impetus behind this art competition," said Ellen Goldstein, country director of World Bank in Bangladesh.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith inaugurated the show titled "Imagining Our Future Together" at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital yesterday.

The South Asia Regional Art Exhibition, organised and sponsored by the World Bank, will also showcase these artworks in New Delhi and Washington DC, between this month and May 2013.

The exhibition showcases 42 artworks, which were selected from around 1,000 artworks from Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The exhibition will end in Dhaka on October 13.

Young journos urged to follow Aatus Samad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's young journalists should pursue the professional skills and dedication of recently deceased journalist Aatus Samad to maintain objectivity and authenticity in news, speakers said at a commemorative meeting yesterday.

During his long career in journalism, Aatus Samad always nurtured honesty, professionalism, objectivity and boldness, which can be a source of inspiration for the budding journalists, they told the programme at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Aatus Samad made significant contribution in the country's Liberation War, said MA Shaheed Babul, secretary general of Muktijoddha Gono Parishad, which organised the meeting. He deserved state honour during his burial, but he did not get it, he said.

Aatus Samad passed away in the capital on September 26 at the age of 75. He was buried in Azimpur graveyard.

Former adviser to a caretaker government Hossain Zillur Rahman, among others, spoke on the occasion.

APPOINTMENT OF SC JUDGES

Candidates' academic qualifications stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for framing specific guidelines and determining academic qualifications of candidates for their appointment as judges to the High Court and Appellate divisions.

Many of the sitting High Court judges have three or four third classes in their academic degrees, said Jatiya Party lawmaker Mujibul Haque Chunnur, who has recently placed a bill in parliament on appointment of SC judges.

The bill proposed formation of a Superior Judicial Commission to recommend candi-

dates' names to the president and sought an end to politicisation of the appointment and curtailment of government's sweeping authority over the process.

Addressing the seminar hosted by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs in the capital, Law Commission's Acting Chairman Prof Shah Alam said lawyers should have a record of successful dealings in a minimum number of cases to become a SC judge candidate.

The constitution says a person shall be qualified for the appointment if he or she has been an advocate of the SC or has held a judicial office for at least 10 years.

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March held for deprived children's rights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 160 underprivileged children, parents and caretakers took part in a procession in the capital's Manik Miah Avenue yesterday to create public awareness on promoting the educational rights of underprivileged children with autism, intellectual disability and multiple disabilities.

Citibank NA, Bangladesh and SEID Trust, a voluntary development organisation, jointly organised the programme as part of Citi's 200 years celebrations, said a press release.

Rashed Maqsood, managing director and Citi Country Officer for Bangladesh, and Dilara Satter, managing director of SEID Trust, led the procession.

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