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Seminar on universal primary education in Asia on Dec 3

A two-week regional seminar on the universal primary education in Asia Pacific will begin in Dacca on December 3 reports BSS.

Jointly sponsored by the Bangladesh Government and the Commonwealth Secretariat the seminar will be participated by 23 delegates from 13 Commonwealth countries. It is learnt in Dacca on Friday.

President Ziaur Rahman will inaugurate the seminar. The Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman will attend the inaugural session as a special guest which will be presided over by the State Minister for Education, Mr Abdul Haten.

Dr M N Haq as Director of the regional seminar will represent the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

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riat Sir Shridath Ramphal. Over 40 guests are likely to attend the inaugural ceremony.

As a prelude to this seminar which is the first of a series of similar regional meetings the Commonwealth Secretariat commissioned in 1978 a survey on progress towards universal primary education in the Commonwealth and published the findings as a book earlier this year.

Delegates will be examining the educational and administrative implications of universal primary education and possible strategies for introducing it in countries that do not have the financial resources to expand the existing system of primary education with its costly dependence upon school buildings, teaching materials and fixed pupil teacher relations.