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## HSC exams begin today

The Higher Secondary Certificate Examinations (HSC) under four Boards of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education of the country will begin today (Thursday).

An official source told BSS on Wednesday that a total of 186956 students would take par in the examinations throughout the country. The total number of students took part in last year's examination were 1,85,065.

The source said that the authority has already taken up all adequate preparations for holding the examinations smoothly in all the 487 examination centres. Assembly of more than four persons within a radius of 200 yards of the examination centres has already been prohibited.

Out of the 487 examinaton centres, the Dhaka Board alone have 132 in which the Dhaka metropolitan area has 23. The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has taken adequate measures to hold the examinations smoothly.

The Dhaka Board has also five examination centres abroad with a view to facilitating the students staying in foreig countries. The centres are Karachi, Colombo Jeddah, Muscat and Kuwait.

The break-up of examinees of the boards are as follows: Dhaka Board: Total number of examinees is 56476 of which 25,030 in the Science Group and 21,701 in the Humanities Group. Jessore Board: The total number of examinees are 46,379 of which 14,930 in Science Group and 18,089 in the Humanities Group.

Comilia Board: The total number of examinees are, 43,337 of which 12,832 in Science Group and 14,237 in the Humanities Group.

Raishahl Board: The total number of examinees are, 40,764 of which 15,892 in Science Group and 17,387 in the Humanities Group.