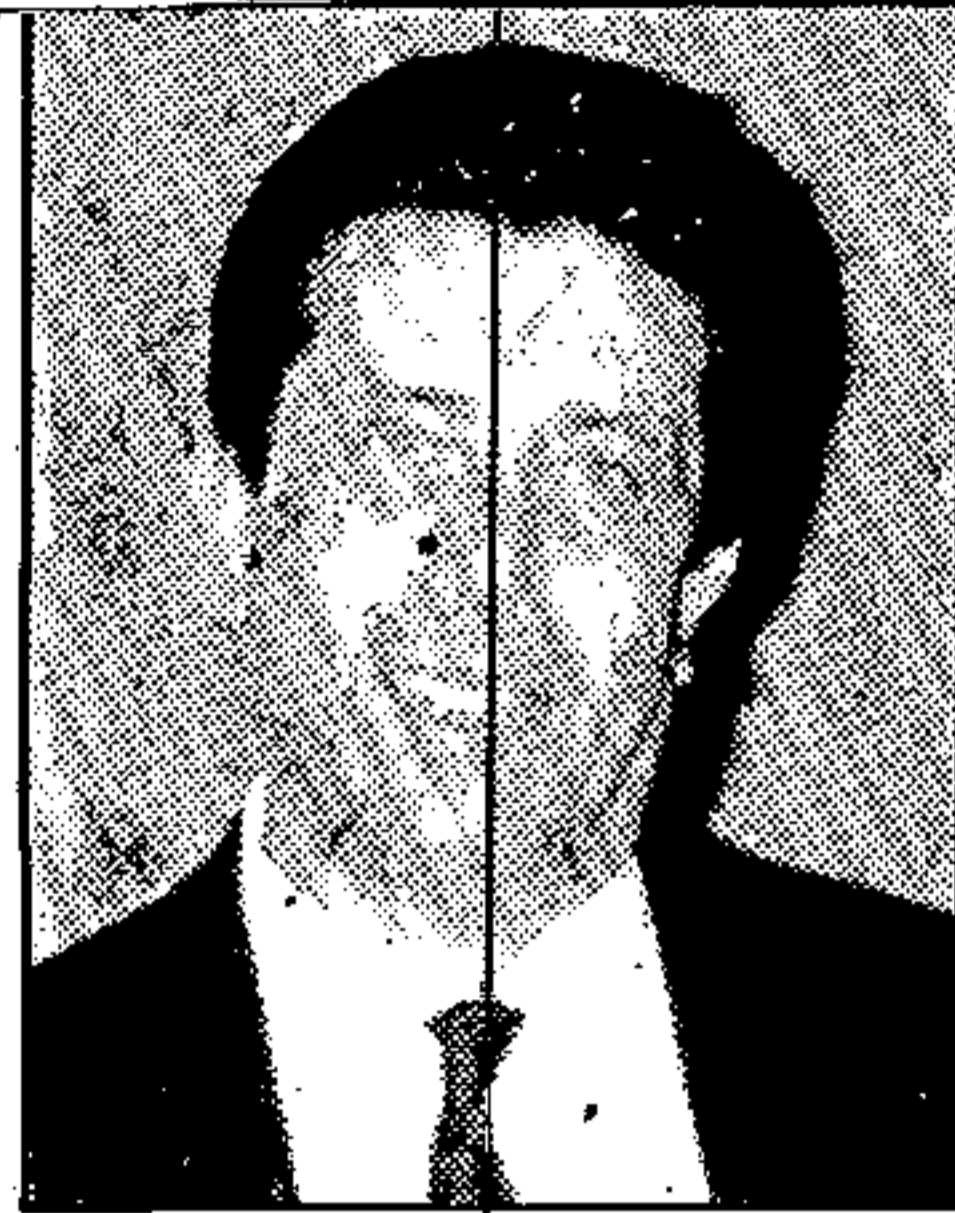


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DU to confer DSc degree on Unesco DG today

By DU Correspondent

UNESCO Director General and eminent scientist Dr Federico Mayor arrives here today on a three-day visit to Bangladesh.

Education Minister A S H K Sadek will receive him at Zia International Airport at 9 am.

On the first day of his visit, the UNESCO Director General will call on President Sha

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habuddin Ahmed, the Education Minister, and the Chairman of Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO.

He will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, and meet newspaper editors and intellectuals tomorrow.

The University of Dhaka will confer honorary degree of Doctor of Science (D Sc) *honoris causa* on Prof Dr Federico Mayor today.

The Vice Chancellor of the university Prof A K Azad Chowdhury disclosed this at a press briefing at his residence Sunday.

The VC will confer the degree on behalf of the Chancellor of the University and President of Bangladesh Shahabuddin Ahmed at a special convocation to be held at 4.30 pm on the day at the TSC auditorium.

The VC said that the degree will be conferred on Federico Mayor for his excellent academic performances in the field of science and his works for the cause of humanity and cultural developments.

Born in Barcelona, Spain on January 27, Mayor was educated at the University of Madrid where he obtained doctorate in Pharmacy in 1958.

He devoted the first part of his career to teaching and research, with special emphasis on prenatal biochemistry and detection and treatment of children suffering from congenital defects.

In 1967, Mayor launched the "National Plan for the Prevention for Mental Retardation" aimed at reducing mental handicaps in Spanish children.

A year later, he was named Rector of the University of Granada.