

Dhaka to take part in Calcutta book fair '99

An inter-ministerial meeting at the Cultural Affairs Ministry yesterday discussed Dhaka's participation in the Calcutta Book Fair '99, reports UNB.

Presided over by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader, the meeting decided to declare the first Saturday of the fair on January 30 as Bangladesh Day.

The meeting also decided to arrange a discussion on the country's language, literature, history, and heritage and culture at Bangladesh pavilion to mark the day.

The main pavilion of the fair will be erected 'alike the National Mausoleum while its gate alike the central Shaheed Minar, said a handout.

Bangladesh has been selected as the 'theme country' for the Calcutta fair which is expected to be held from January 27 to February 7 next year.

Cultural Affairs Secretary, Dr S Zaman Majumder, Prof MA Harun-ur-Rashid, Prof Razia Khan, Muntasir Mamun, Artist Hashem Khan, Asaduzzaman Noor, Ramendu Majumder, Director Generals of the Bangla Academy, Shilpakala Academy, National Museum, Islamic Foundation and representatives from concerned ministries and agencies were present at the meeting.