



Canadian High Commissioner Gerry Campbell and State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq Milon going round different stalls after inaugurating the Canadian Education Fair 2002 on Thursday at a city hotel.

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Education fair begins Bangladeshi students keen to study in Canada

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Against the backdrop of constraints in getting visa to the United States, the meritorious Bangladeshi students are now turning towards Canada for their higher studies.

Scores of enthusiast students gathered at the fair styled "Higher Education in Canada" on Thursday to get the direct information and counselling from the representatives of the Canadian institutions about their standard and expenses of education.

Among the visitors, much were interested in undergraduate programmes.

The Canadian High Commission in Dhaka organised the daylong fair at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel from 10:30 am to 8:00 pm with the slogan "Canada is the place of study".

Six universities and two renowned colleges of Canada set up their stalls at the fair. Several seminars on the scope of higher studies in Canada were also taken place.

The participating institutions are York University, University of New Brunswick, University of Windsor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Saint Mary's University, The University College of Cariboo, Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology and Columbia College.

Some students lamented over the absence of the world famous Canadian universities like University of Toronto or University of Alberta in the fair. But most of them were serious in collecting the brochures of the universities.

Tuition and living cost in Canada is relatively much lower than the other major countries, the organisers said citing the World Bank certification of best place to live, work and study about several Canadian cities.

More than 130,000 foreign students are studying in undergraduate programmes in different Canadian universities and colleges and among them the number Bangladeshis are much high, the organisers added.

The Bangladeshi students are showing their interest to Canadian institutions for their standards and educational excellence and especially for the low living cost and tuition fees, they observed.