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10 lakh books to be given to schoolgoers

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THE World Book and Copyright Day was observed in Dhaka on Sunday with a campaign promoting reading habits among schoolchildren.

Marking the day, the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education and Bishwo Shahitto Kendro jointly organised a book awarding event in the city. The organisers announced that they had chosen over 6.5 lakh students of 11,785 schools to receive around 10 lakh books as prizes.

The winners were selected

through a book-reading competition under the secondary education quality and access enhancement project of the directorate currently run at 12,117 schools under 250 upazilas across the country.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid, senior officials of the ministry and UNESCO country office presented books to 80 selected awardees from Dhaka schools at the event.

The minister stressed the need for developing a reading habit among school students saying that extracurricular books on various genres were

crucial for children's development. UNESCO Bangladesh representative Beatrice Kaldun said that her office would extend necessary support if the government declared Dhaka a UNESCO Book city.

Secondary and higher education division secretary Md Sohorab Hossain, technical and madrassah division acting secretary Md Alamgir, Bangla Academy director general Shamsuzzaman Khan, DSHE director general SM Wahiduzzaman and SEQAEP director Mahamud-ul-Haque addressed the event.

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