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A meeting of the Preparatory committee for observance of the Education Week '88 was held at the Education Ministry with the Education Minister Mahbubur Rahman in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting decided to observe the week from March 5 to 10 and chose this year's theme as "expansion of mass education".

President Ershad will inaugurate the week, an official handout said.

Speaking on the occasion the Education Minister said development made in the education sector during the last six-year under the present government would be highlighted.

The aim of the present government is to make primary education free, universal and compulsory all over the country in three to five years time, while education for all would be ensured by the year 2000, he added.

Mr. Rahman said observance of the week was aimed at, among other things, to create awareness about the necessity of congenial and harmonious academic atmosphere for proper education, improved examination system, better teaching and devotion of student towards their studies increasing for the quality of education and development of both physical and intellectual faculties.

The meeting also decided to extend invitations to the education ministers of the SAARC countries, Director General of UNESCO and the Regional UNESCO Assistant Director General.

The meeting also decided to give the chancellor's award during the week. Best educational institutions and teachers of greater districts and new districts level and metropolitan cities will be awarded certificates, shields and medals.

In addition to seminars, there will be literary and cultural programmes in the city during the week, the handout said.

The meeting was attended, among others, by the Secretaries of Education Division, Cultural Affairs Division and Science and Technology Division, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Vice-Chancellors of the Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and Bangladesh Agricultural University, concerned Joint Secretaries, Director Generals of various departments and other high officials.