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## Calcutta Book Fair '99 begins Wednesday

The twelve-day 'Calcutta Book Fair-1999' begins in the West Bengal capital on Wednesday (Jan 27), reports UNB..

The theme country of the book fair is Bangladesh.

Minister for Youth Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader leaves for Calcutta today (Monday) to attend the Bangladesh Day programme on Jan 30 as chief guest.

BSS adds: A group of journalists numbering over 50 will leave Dhaka by road today (Monday) to cover the 'Calcutta Book Fair', an official press release said in Dhaka Sunday.

Bangladesh is the 'Focal Theme Country' in the book fair, to be inaugurated on January 27 by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Last year Great Britain was selected as a Focal Theme Country.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury will see off the journalists at the Foreign Affairs office premises.

Two BRTC buses will carry the Journalists to the West Bengal capital.

The External Publicity Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has organised the trip.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: A team of Bangladesh Book Publishers' and Sellers' Association left Dhaka for Calcutta on Sunday to take part in the Calcutta Book Fair '99.

The members of the team will exchange views with book importers of India, writers and the officials of Publishers guild of Calcutta on January 29 to explore market for Bangladeshi books there, says a Press release.

Nineteen members of Bangladesh Book Publishers' and Sellers' Association will take part in the Calcutta Book Fair '99.