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National centre for young scientists soon

By A Star Reporter

Dr. R A Ghani, State Minister for Science and Technology said on Friday that the Government would soon establish a national centre for young scientists to encourage the promising ones further.

Inaugurating a 3-day competition among young scientists organised by the science museum in observance of the International Year of the Child, he said that the centre would have its branches all over the country.

He said that when established the national centre for young scientists and the national science museum together would be able to play an important role in imparting nonformal science education in the country.

Dr. R A Ghani said that promising youngsters would

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be inspired to bring their works, where they would be helped to find out possible practical uses of the processes and products evolved by themselves.

He said that the Government had been working to ensure proper development of the creative talents of children.

He said that national science weeks were being organised to attract children in ever greater numbers toward science. The State Minister said that preparations for holding the third national science week sometime during the first quarter of 1980 has been going on.

In his presidential address Dr. Syed Bazle Ali, Secretary, Science and Technology Division, said that the Government would take all necessary measures to inspire the young scientist to this direction.

He said that most of the graduate and postgraduate science degree holders in the past could not make noteworthy contribution for lack of systematic and sustained efforts. He said that the Government would make efforts to find out creative and promising youngsters and lend all possible help to them so that they could leave indelible marks in the field of science and technology.

Earlier, in his introductory speech Dr. Khan Mohammad Sirajul Islam said that boys and girls under 16 years of age had been participating in the competition. The subjects of the competition are: photography on fishing techniques, scientific toys, improved agricultural implements and equipment for science education.

Exhibition of the works presented by the competitors would be kept open between 2-30 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. today (Saturday).