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DU to celebrate new millennium after Ramadan

Dhaka University will hail the upcoming new millennium through week-long celebrations.

The DU authorities will hold "Millennium Week" programmes after a 23-day Eid-ul-Fitr and winter vacation.

Vice-Chancellor Prof A.K. Azad Chowdhury told UNB that they had initially planned to take up the programmes in the last week of this month, but "because of the Ramadan holiday we will now celebrate the week after reopening of the university on January 15."

Dhaka University is going under Eid-ul-Fitr and winter vacations from December 23 and will resume function on January 15, official sources said.

The DU authorities have plans for a seven-day celebration, the sources said. They expect the DU campus, a magnet of thousands, to turn into a rendezvous and delighted premises of reminiscence over its eventful hundred years.

The DU VC informed they would invite all the present students, teachers, guardians, alumni, political leaders, intellectuals and cultural activists. "The get-together also aims at exchanging thoughts of all for the next millennium."

Presence of students, guardians and alumni will be ensured through the respective departments and institutes.

Programmes include seminars, symposium, drama, film festival, Dhaka University video display, presentation of articles and cultural function in phases. University's faculties will organise the seminars.

Science Faculty will organise seminars on science and programmes to technologies in the twenty-first century in a "Brainstorming" session of the week. Arts Faculty will organise seminars on human resource development and upgrading quality of education and other cultural programmes.

Students of the Institute of Fine Arts (Charukala Institute) and Department of Theatre and Music will simultaneously conduct cultural programmes in the week.

Meanwhile, with only 25 days left ahead of a new millennium, the active student organisations of the campus are yet to decide what they will do.

Student leaders of Pro-Awami Chhatra League (BCL) left-leaning Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front have not yet made their plans but told UNB that they would formulate a schedule soon.

BCU president Manjur E. Khoda Torik said they would arrange "extraordinary programmes" to celebrate the new millennium which will be formulated soon.