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World Literacy Day tomorrow

The International Literacy Day will be observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world tomorrow (Wednesday) September 8, reports BSS.

This day of 1993 corresponds to the opening of the first World Conference of Ministers of Education on the eradication of illiteracy held in Tehran in 1965, an UNIC Press release said.

According to UNESCO's definition, a person is literate when he can read and write and knows enough mathematics "for effective functioning in his group or community" and is capable of using these skills for his own and the community's development.

To mark the day, the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh (NAUCB) in cooperation with Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO and the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Dhaka will organize a discussion meeting at the centre premises on September 8 at 4.00 pm.

Professor AQM Bdruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House will be present as the chief guest Professor Emazuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering Prof M Shahjahan and UNDP Asst Resident Representative Sophie De Caen will speak as special guests. The function will be presided over

by Journalist Glas Kamal Chowdhury.

Also in observance of the day, the Bangladesh 2000, an NGO, in cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) will organize a seminar on September 8 at 12.45 pm at the centre premises. Notional Professor M Shamsul Haque will be present as the chief guest UNDP Resident Representative A.I Michael Constable, Syed Alamgir Farrouk Chowdhury, Project Coordinator, General Education Project of Government of Bangladesh and Mr Dilwar Ali Khan, Officer-in-Charge of UNICEF will speak as special guests, the Press release said.