

Dhaka Book fair begins today

The 9th Dhaka Book Fair begins in Dhaka today (Wednesday) to satisfy thousands of book enthusiasts across the country awaiting eagerly for a grand congregation of readers, writers and publishers, says BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the Book Fair at 2.30 p.m. organized by National Book Centre (NBC) at the National Parade Ground at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

President Prof. Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed in a message on the eve of the occasion said great books not only act as a source of inspiration for noble works but also serve as driving force behind human civilization.

Prime Minister begum Khaleda Zia in a separate message on the occasion said books not only serve as source of fair entertainment but also assist nation in achieving progress and prosperity.

Preparation of the fortnight-long fair by the cultural ministry has already been completed, State Minister Begum Selima Rahman said Sunday, adding that about 151 publishing houses including those from Japan, India and Iran would take part in the fair.

The entry fee of the fair will be Taka 2 and the fair will remain open from 2 pm to 9 pm everyday but on Friday's it will open at 11 a.m. The students will not require ticket if they visit the fair under the care of school authorities, she said.