

British Council Education Fair begins Jan 23

The British Council (BC) Bangladesh is going to hold a three-day "Education @ UK Fair 2003" beginning January 23 in the capital, says UNB.

The fair will be held at Winter Garden of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel where delegates from 18 UK universities and colleges are likely to participate this year, the organisers said.

"The purpose of the fair is to provide an opportunity for prospective students and their parents, teachers, personnel and training managers to talk directly to the representatives of the institutions," said BC director Carl Reuter addressing a press conference in Dhaka on Wednesday.

The fair will remain open from 12 noon to 8 pm on January 23, 10 am to 8 pm on January 24 and 10 am to 6 pm on January 25. Entrance is free and open to the public.

British High Commission First Secretary Michael John Holloway, Entry Clearance Officer Julie Flannagan and BC's Education Promotion and Marketing Manager Ripa Walje were also present at the press conference.

Replying to a query, Michael John Holloway said 4,700 students from Bangladesh applied during last one year to go to the UK for study and 50 per cent of them got visa.

Reuter disclosed at the conference that BC is going to provide distance learning facilities from Bangladesh through video conferencing and the process would start as soon as Bangladesh is connected with the submarine cable.

This year, Canterbury Christ Church University College, University of Central England in Birmingham, David Game College, University of Glasgow, University of Greenwich, University of Huddersfield, University of Hull, Leeds Metropolitan University, Liverpool John Moores University, University of London External Programme, University of Luton, Middlesex University, London Metropolitan University, Richmond, The American International University in London, University of Sunderland, University of Warwick, University of Wales College, Newport and Writtle College will participate at the fair.