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Students hold lighted candles at the closing session of the prize giving ceremony of a book reading programme at the Institute of Fine Arts in the city yesterday. Biswa Sahitya Kendra organised the event.

Students vow to remove darkness

Prize giving ceremony of book reading programme ends

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With lighted candles in their hands, schoolchildren yesterday vowed to remove darkness all around in order to build a prosperous Bangladesh, as the curtain fell on the two-day prize giving ceremony of a book reading programme

organised by Biswa Sahitya Kendra.

Handing over the lighted candles to the students at the closing ceremony in the city, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder of the Kendra, expressed the hope that this light will illuminate all darkness, paving the way for a prosperous future.

A total of 1,800 students

received prizes at the ceremony at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University, on the concluding day.

About 25,000 students from 100 schools in Dhaka took part in the book reading programme in 2007, said a press release of Biswa Sahitya Kendra.

Brac University Vice-Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Ramon Magsaysay Award winner and Editor of the Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam and litterateur Selina Hossain were also present at the closing ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury advised the students to utilise the opportunity provided by the Kendra to read the best books of world literature.

You will illuminate all darkness after being enlightened through reading books, he told them.

"We need enlightened people today because our surroundings are plunged into darkness. You have to enlighten others after being enlightened by reading books," he said.

Mahfuz Anam urged all to intensify the book reading programme in order to enlighten more people across the country.

Matiur Rahman expressed his hope that this enlightened students will build a prosperous Bangladesh in the future.