



First SAARC Book Fair from Sept 26

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The first SAARC Book Fair 2002 begins in the city on Thursday (September 26) aiming to bridge the publishers and encourage free flow of books among the South Asian countries.

Bangladesh Publishers' Council, in association with SAARC Book Development Council, is organising the four-day fair. Such an international fair is going to be held for the first time in Bangladesh.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahaman will open the fair at Bangladesh Shil-
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Book Development Council. A total of 53 renowned publishing houses from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan will participate in the fair.

Apart from the book-fair seminars, panel discussions and round table talks will be held on different issues of publication sector in the SAARC countries.

Mohiuddin Ahmed from Bangladesh, SK Ghai from India, Iqbal Cheema from Pakistan and Sarath Chandra Waniatchi from Sri Lanka will address the opening session. President of Bangladesh Publishers' Council and SAARC Book Development Council Modidul Huq will chair the inaugural session.

As per the statute of SAARC Book Development Council the fair is going to be held. The fair will be held each year in every SAARC country by rotation, organisers told a Press conference on Sunday.