

## Dhaka College celebrates 171st founding anniv

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DHAKA College, one of the noted educational institutions of the country, on Tuesday celebrated its 171st founding anniversary.

Hundreds of its former and current students participated in the celebration.

Marking the day, the whole college compound was decorated gorgeously. The founding day programmes featured procession, discus-

sion, reminiscence, kite festival and cultural function.

In different colourful attires former and present students and teachers took part in the procession that marched through the city streets.

The law minister, Shafique Ahmed, inaugurated the founding day programmes as chief guest.

The education ministry additional secretary, M Mafizul Islam, and the Dhaka College principal Professor

Aysha Begum also attended the inaugural function.

Shafique, also a former student, said the college, since its inception in 1841, played a vital role in spreading education and in democratic movements of the country including the language movement in 1952, mass upsurge in 1969 and war of liberation in 1971.

The college began its journey as an English school named 'Dhaka Seminary' or 'English Seminary School'

to introduce and spread English education among the people. General Committee of Public Instruction founded the school on July 15, 1835.

The then civil surgeon James Taylor and Dhaka district magistrate Grant played pioneering role in establishing the school.

The college branch of the school was opened in 1841, which was named first as Dhaka Central College and then Dhaka College.