

The international debate Competition titled “Bangabandhu-Dhaka International Debate Fest for the OIC Youth 2021” begins.

Media briefing and inaugural program of Bangabandhu-Dhaka International Debate Fest for the OIC Youth 2021 presented by Dhaka OIC Youth Capital is organized by Bangladesh National Museum under the direct patronization of Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Ministry of Youth & Sports. Md. Zahid Ahsan Russel, MP, State Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sports was present as the chief guest at the program chaired by State Minister, Ministry of Cultural Affairs K M Khalid, MP at Kobi Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum. Senior Secretary of Ministry of Youth and Sports Md. Akhter Hossain and M Badrul Arefin, Secretary of Ministry of Cultural Affairs were present as special guests. President of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) Taha Ayhan was also present as guest of honor.

Speaking as the chief guest, Md. Zahid Ahsan Russel, MP, State Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sports said, "In this international debate fest, we are expecting the youth from all over the world will be able to present us with a very cheerful debate session. Bringing so many intellectual young minds into a platform from different parts of the world will also enable a space where they'll get to share different cultures and learn from each other. At the same time, I wish sincere cooperation to the concerned authorities of OIC and other fraternal countries in implementing this competition." At this time, he announced the inauguration of the International Debate Competition.

Speaking as the special guest, Senior Secretary of Ministry of Youth and Sports Md. Akhter Hossain said, "Under the visionary leadership of Honorable Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, The Mother of Humanity, Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is thriving towards becoming a developed country and also becoming an economic powerhouse in Asia. He also said, Bangabandhu Dhaka International Debate Fest for the OIC Youth 2021 aims to bring together young debaters and encourage them to debate pressing community issues and increasing their capacity to contribute to policy reform on the local, national and international level.

Speaking on the occasion, Special guest, M Badrul Arefin, Secretary of Ministry of Cultural Affairs said, "Declaring Dhaka as the “OIC Youth Capital 2020”, marked a significant recognition for the dynamic and determined leadership of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her spirited government in the youth sector. He also said “This is a great opportunity for our youth to reach globally with the honor and dignity, at the same time, it would be a great recognition for the young debaters around the world. As the aim of this event suggests, it will inspire and encourage more and more debaters to show their skills and make their voice heard.”

The Guest of Honor, Taha Ayhan, President of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), said, “The Dhaka OIC Youth Capital 2020 mega event in Bangladesh is a very important step for ICYF and OIC. Through this, the youth of the world will find inspiration, and will create a network of debaters among the OIC countries.

State Minister, Ministry of Cultural Affairs K M Khalid, MP thanked the journalists and guests present at the end of the program. At the same time, he said, “The recognition of Dhaka as the OIC Youth Capital during this yearlong celebration of the birth centenary and golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence has multiplied the significance of the recognition. He added “We all know that Debate develops skills and knowledge that will help the debater become an elite and will also help them to develop a civic and political identity and the ways in which the government can solve our generation's problems.

The ceremony begins with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The inaugural speech was made by the Director General of the Bangladesh National Museum Khondoker Mostafizur Rahman ndc.

The registration of the competition starts from 7 June 2021 to 14 June 2021. The competition will start from June 19, 2021. Interested youths can register for the competition from the link: dhaka.oicyouthcapital.com/debate-competition