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PRESS RELEASE

AMERICA WEEK KHULNA BEGINS MONDAY

DHAKA, JANUARY 23 – Continuing a tradition of outreach across Bangladesh, the U.S. Embassy is sponsoring “America Week” in Khulna from January 24-26. America Week highlights the important ties between the people of the United States and Bangladesh by taking U.S. Embassy activities to the people outside the capital. This will be the second time that Khulna hosts America Week. Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet have hosted past America Weeks.

This edition of America Week celebrates the theme of “partnership” and features presentations, outreach, and site visits showcasing U.S. Government-funded programs in Khulna. Visitors will have opportunities to learn more about studying at a U.S. university, applying for a U.S. visa, or participating in a U.S. Government development project.

Numerous special events are planned. Highlights include a skit performed by characters from the acclaimed children’s show Sisimpur; a cricket match between local youth and the Khulna Police Force, with special guest appearances by national players Khaled Mahmud Shujan, Khaled Masud Pilot, Mehrab Hossain Opi, and Salma Khatun; and a live concert featuring the band GrooveTrap. There will also be film screenings and interactive theater performances.

Following a tradition of past America Weeks, the public can visit more than 50 booths run by the U.S. Embassy, USAID and its development partners, and U.S. companies. The booths and most presentations will be at the Khulna Club. Booths will be open from 11:30 am to 5 pm on January 24 and from 10 am to 5 pm on January 25-26. Admission to all America Week events is free.

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