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AMERICA WEEK CHITTAGONG BEGINS MONDAY

DHAKA, JANUARY 29 – Continuing a tradition of outreach across Bangladesh, the U.S. Embassy is sponsoring “America Week” in Chittagong, a three-day event that highlights the important ties between the people of the United States and Bangladesh by taking U.S. Embassy activities to people outside the capital. U.S. Ambassador Dan Mozena will lead the event, which will run January 30 - February 1.

For 2012, America Week celebrates the theme of “Moving Forward Together,” with a special focus on the 40 years of U.S.-Bangladesh diplomatic and development relations. America Week features presentations, outreach events, and site visits showcasing U.S. Government-funded programs in and around Chittagong. 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. American citizens living in Chittagong will be able to meet with U.S. Embassy consular officers to renew passports, register to vote, and take care of other consular matters.

Numerous special events are planned. Highlights include daily performances by characters from the acclaimed children’s show *Sisimpur*, a coastal clean-up activity, an art exhibit and a live concert. There will also be film screenings and interactive theater performances.

Following a tradition of past America Weeks, the public can visit more than 60 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 M A Aziz Stadium Complex, Chittagong. Booths will be open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on January 30 and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on January 31 and February 1. Admission to all America Week events is free.

This will be the third time that U.S. Chittagong has hosted America Week, having previously hosted in 2006 and 2002. Previous America Week programs have been held in Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet.

Please check the U.S. Embassy Facebook page for daily highlights and updates of the schedule at http://www.facebook.com/home.php?clk_loc=5#!/notes/us-embassy-dhaka/america-week-2012-schedule-of-public-events/10150537055549633. Copies of Ambassador Mozena’s

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