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Bill Gates to donate Tk 100 crore

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The Microsoft Corporation chairman, Bill Gates, scheduled to arrive in Dhaka today, is expected to announce a donation of Tk 100 crore for the development of the Asian University of Women in Chittagong, according to sources in Microsoft Bangladesh and the education ministry.

During his six-hour stay in Dhaka, Gates will also sign a memorandum of understanding with Bangladesh's education ministry to provide ICT equipment and software development support for the secondary and higher secondary teachers' training scheme, a ministry official told New Age Sunday.

'We have already received a letter about the donation from the Asian University for Women Support Foundation, one of the sponsors of the project,' he said adding that education minister, M Osman Farruk, with some other cabinet members is expected to hold talks on different issues with Gates at Sheraton Hotel.

The Chittagong-based university, for which Gates is expected to donate, is scheduled to start operation in 2006.

The prime minister, Khaleda Zia, laid the foundation stone for the university on January 13, 2004.

Bangladesh is the first stop of Gates's weeklong visit to South Asia. After a half day visit, Gates will travel to India to attend a summit.

He will attend several meetings with government officials and leaders of information technology business.

The Microsoft Bangladesh country manager, Feroz Mahmud, told New Age that his meeting agenda was yet to be fixed. The company has decided not to disclose the full agenda on security grounds.

Gates is visiting the region to join the Microsoft Government Leaders Forum Summit, 'Leading in connected world' to be held in New Delhi, India, December 6-7.

The summit will bring together government leaders across the region to discuss, exchange experiences and best practices related to economic development, governance and education, while examining the role that information and communications technology plays in achieving success in such areas.

Gates will deliver a speech at the summit on December 7.

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