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PRESS RELEASE

America Week Rajshahi Begins Tuesday

DHAKA, DECEMBER 6 – Continuing a tradition of outreach across Bangladesh, the U.S. Embassy is sponsoring “America Week” in Rajshahi from December 8-10. 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 Rajshahi hosts America Week. Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet have hosted past America Weeks.

This edition of America Week features presentations, outreach and site visits showcasing U.S. Government-funded programs in Rajshahi. 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. The Embassy is also screening critically-acclaimed American films.

Following a tradition of past America Weeks, people can visit more than 40 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 Rajshahi Parjatan Motel. The booths will be open from 11 am to 5 pm on December 8 and from 10 am to 5 pm on December 9-10. Admission to all America Week events is free. A full schedule of events will be posted on the U.S. Embassy Dhaka website (<http://dhaka.usembassy.gov>).

In addition to Bangladeshis, the U.S. Embassy invites American citizens in the Rajshahi area to visit America Week. The Embassy is sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting for American citizens on Wednesday, December 9, at 5pm at the Rajshahi Parjatan Motel. Admission is free, but a U.S. Passport is required for entry. The U.S. Embassy strongly encourages all American citizens in Bangladesh to register with the Embassy. Registration is free and easy, and allows the U.S. Embassy to contact American citizens with invitations to special events or to locate them in an emergency. Register online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> or get more information at <http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/register.html>.

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