

28th North American Bengali Conference

July 4, 5 & 6, 2008

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Conference Kick Off Meeting on Saturday, August 25, 2007

The kick off meeting for the 28th North American Bengali Conference (NABC) was held at Tagore Centre, 140 Millwick Drive in Toronto. NABC is held each year in different large metropolitan centers in the United States and Canada. This is the third time that Prabasi Bengali Cultural Association (PBCA) is hosting this prestigious cultural event in Toronto. Based on attendance at recent conferences, the conference organizers are expecting over six thousand registered delegates, performers, musicians, authors, industrialists and advertisers from North America and the Indian sub continent.

The conference kick off meeting, open to the general public was held to introduce members of the conference organizing committee, associated organizations as well as patrons and major sponsors from North America and India. The meeting presided by Jaidev Sarkar was well attended with very informative presentations on the roles and responsibilities of the various groups, followed by active question and answer sessions. An address on the present status of the conference by Bejoy Das, and a power point presentation by Anuradha Sen and Bejoy Das on the NABC 2008 preparation, registration, hotel facilities and the structure of the NABC 2008 Committee were some of the highlights of the meeting.

The attendees included a delegation of Trustees from Cultural Association of Bengal (CAB) in New York which is the founder and sponsor of NABC. Purna Bhattacharya representing CAB addressed the meeting on their NABC role, and Samit Ray represented Rice Corporation of Kolkata responsible for coordinating the conference related activities in India. The distinguished guests included Dr. Kalipradip Chaudhuri, CEO, KPC Global, California, Anjan Dutta-Gupta, CEO, ASFT Inc. Atlanta, and Abhijit Chattopadhyay, Vice-Consul, Consulate General of India, Toronto.

