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PM to be accorded grand reception July 15

The National Committee for Peace and Friendship will accord a mass reception to the architect of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a grand peace rally at Paltan maidan on July 15, reports BSS.

This was stated by the convenor of the National Committee for Peace and Friendship Prof Kabir Chowdhury at a press conference at National Press Club yesterday.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has started a new chapter in our national life through the signing of the historic peace accord on CHT.

He said it was due to the demand and movement of Sheikh Hasina that the holding of general elections under caretaker government was incorporated in the constitution. She also adopted the policy of national consensus which was widely accepted and praised by the world community.

Prof Chowdhury said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has raised her voice against the nuclear arms race in South Asia. She has emerged as a messenger of peace in the sub-continent.

He said she has upheld our honour and dignity before the

world community by adopting the foreign policy 'friendship to all, enmity to none' as a real follower of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. As a result, the 501 member Committee for Peace and Friendship comprising renowned artists, litterateurs, intellectuals and representatives from different professional groups has decided to accord a mass reception to her, Prof Chowdhury added.

He said the government has signed the Peace Treaty on CHT within the purview of the constitution and the entire world community has praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for signing it.

Prof Chowdhury said the signing of the Peace Treaty on CHT is a milestone in our post-independence political history. But the opposition BNP is trying to make this peace treaty as a political issue.

He said the vested quarters under the leadership of BNP and fundamentalists are trying to create unrest and anarchy in the hill area by false propaganda and misleading information.

He urged all pro-liberation, progressive and patriotic forces to come forward and forge greater unity against the vested quarters.

Prof Chowdhury said the quarters are opposing the treaty in the name of politics, however, former military ruler Hussain Mohammad Ershad had initiated dialogue with the aggrieved hill communities by realising that a military solution of CHT problems was not possible. He had taken different measures in this regard and passed the Hill District Local Government Council Act, '88, he added.

Prof Chowdhury said the last BNP government had held 13 meetings with the leaders of the hill districts for solving the problem but failed.

Among others, Syed Shamsul Haque, Poet Shamsur Rahman, AMA Muhit, Faiz Ahmed, Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, Prof Shamsul Huda Haroon, Dr Arefin Siddique, Prof Shahadat Ali, Monayem Sarkar, Farooq Chowdhury, Prof Hossain Mansur, Ali Akasad, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Principal Ahad Chowdhury, Kazi Aref Ahmed and Mahbuddin Bir Bikram were present at the press conference. Member-secretary of the National Committee Prof Haroon-ur-Rashid also spoke on the occasion.

IUB English course concluded

A five-week general English course organised by IUB's Extension and Continuing Education Centre (ECEC) and the Language Centre for enhancing communication skills in the language has just been concluded, says a press release.

It was conducted by the Director of the Language Centre Dr Joyce I R Silva.

Dr A Majeed Khan, president, IUB Governing Council, distributed certificates among the 31 participants at a simple ceremony at IUB campus at Baridhara. Rector of the university, Dr B M Chowdhury, Director, ECEC, Mahmood-ul-Haq, and some senior members of the university faculty and officials were present.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, according to Met Office.

Sun sets today at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morn	Even
Dhaka	33.7	28.2	79	78
Chittagong	34.4	27.0	66	82
Khulna	31.5	25.3	98	90
Rajshahi	32.2	27.0	90	91
Barisal	33.0	27.2	84	...
Sylhet	34.0	25.0	86	78

CU may place Tk 36 cr budget today

CHITTAGONG, June 28: Chittagong University is expected to announce a Tk 36 crore budget today for the fiscal 1998-99 amidst a legal tangle, reports UNB.

The budget will be placed in a joint session of the CU Finance Committee and Syndicate instead of its Senate session due to a legal complication. The court has imposed a restriction on holding the Senate session following a case filed by a Senate member with Judge Court challenging the legality of its session.

As per the university law, the budget is supposed to be placed in the Senate session for its approval.

Govt to provide Tk 40 lakh loan to cotton-growers

The government will provide loan of Taka 40 lakh to the cotton-growers of the country in the next financial year to encourage the farmers for expanding its cultivation, an official handout said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

It was announced at a meeting of the Cotton Development Board held yesterday at the Ministry of Agriculture with its Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury in the chair.

The area of cotton cultivation is likely to be raised to one and a half lakh acres from its existing one lakh acres while its production is expected to go up to one lakh and 50 thousand bales in place of 93 thousand bales in the current year.

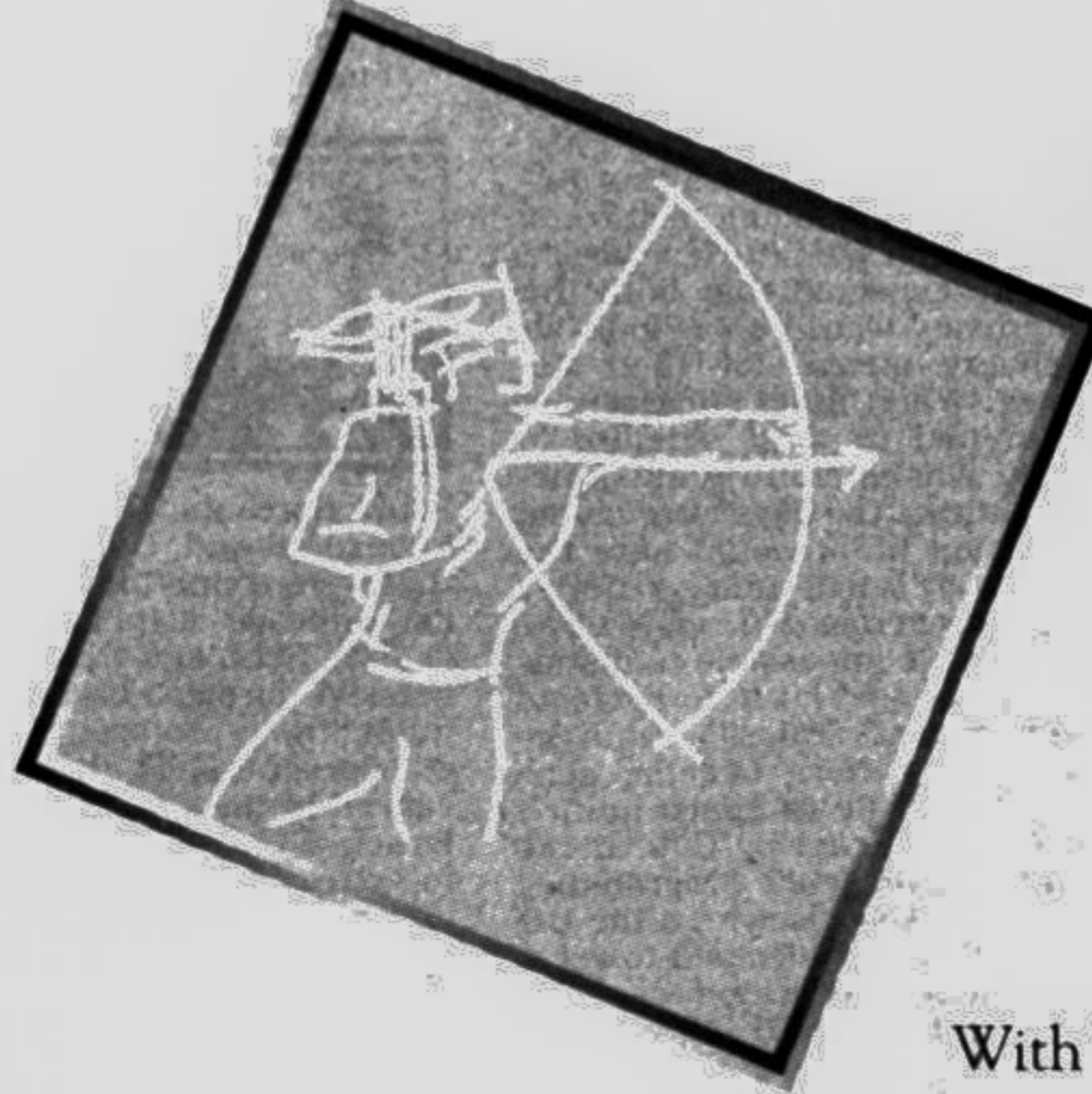
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The University of Asia Pacific invites application from intending candidates for the following faculty positions:

Name of the post	Department/Subject	No. of post	Qualification
1. Associate Professor	Computer Science & Technology (CST) / Computer Science & Informatics (CSI)	One	Ph.D. in relevant field with 5 years of teaching and/or professional experience, or MS/MPhil or equivalent degree in relevant field with 8 years of teaching and/or professional experience.
	Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE)	One	
	Business Administration	One	
	Pharmacy, Economics, English (1+1+1)	Three	
2. Assistant Professor	Computer Science & Technology (CST) / Computer Science & Informatics (CSI)	One	MS or MPhil in relevant fields. Candidates with master's degree in relevant field having at least one first class at the bachelors (Hons) or masters level with at least 3 years of teaching and/or professional experience are also eligible. Candidates having good bachelors degree in architecture, CST, CSI & CEE and at least three years of teaching experience may be considered. For business administration candidates having specialization in accounting or finance will be preferred.
	Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE)	One	
	Business Administration	One	
	Architecture	One	
	Pharmacy	One	
	Economics	One	
	English	One	
3. Lecturer	Computer Science & Technology (CST) / Computer Science & Informatics (CSI)	One	A master's degree in relevant field having at least one first class at the bachelors (Hons) and master's level. Candidates having good bachelors degree in architecture, CST, CSI & CEE are also eligible to apply. For business administration candidates having specialization in accounting or finance will be given preference.
	Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE)	One	
	Business Administration	One	
	Architecture	One	
	Pharmacy	One	
	Economics, English (1+1)	Two	

Candidates are to submit their applications to the Registrar, UAP with detailed CV's. The last date for submission of application is July 15, 1998. Competitive salary will be offered commensurate with candidates' academic qualification and experience.

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