

DU admission test from January 11

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University yesterday announced its admission schedule for the first year honours under different departments in the session 2001-2002.

Distribution and submission of forms for admission tests will begin on November 25 and continue until December 12, an official press release said.

The tests will begin on January 11, 2002.

Admission forms for some 4,200 seats will be sold under four units at Tk 250 each from the banks of university branches. The forms will be submitted to the respective faculty offices within the timeframe.

Students applying under the arts group have been asked to collect admission forms of *Kha* unit from the Janata Bank, TSC branch, where forms of *Gha* unit in the combined group will also be available.

Forms of *Ka* unit in the science group will be sold from the Curzon Hall branch of Agrani Bank and of *Ga* unit in the commerce group at the Administrative Building branch of Sonali Bank.

Admission tests of *Ka* unit will be held on January 25, *Kha* unit on January 18, *Ga* unit on January 11 and *Gha* unit on February 1, 2002.

Tests will be held in the system of multiple choice questions (MCQ), and one has to secure a minimum of 40 per cent marks in the tests.

Requirements for admission in the subjects under *Kha* and *Ga* units are a minimum of 1,150 marks in the SSC and HSC examinations with at least second divisions in both examinations, while *Ka* unit candidates require 1,350 marks.

The candidates who will apply under *Gha* unit require a minimum of 50 per cent marks in Bangla and English in the HSC or equivalent examinations excluding the grace marks.

However, students of the science group in HSC and Aleem examinations, and of the home economics group require a total of 1,350 marks. Students who passed the HSC examinations in arts and commerce groups require 1,150 marks to apply under *Gha* unit.

The students who passed the O-level examination in at least four subjects can also apply for admission tests.

Those who passed the A-level examination, 2000 or 2001, in two subjects and secured at least 'B' grade in four subjects and 'C' grade in two of the six subjects are also eligible for the tests.



Professor Hafiz GA Siddiqi, Pro Vice-Chancellor of NSU, giving away certificate to a student at the fifth convocation ceremony of the university at Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday.

Students asked to help build the nation

Fifth NSU convocation held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister M Osman Faruk asked students to dedicate themselves to building the nation and creating a 'knowledge revolution' availing themselves of the opportunities of higher education in public and private sectors.

"In the changing era of globalisation, physical strength has been supplanted by knowledge revolution. Students are the real strength of the country, and they must be aware of their potentials and responsibilities," he continued.

They should follow the path of education overcoming obstacles, he said, while speaking as chief guest at the fifth convocation ceremony of the North South University (NSU) at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday.

Shiro Kobayashi, Japanese ambassador to Bangladesh, Prof Dr ATM Zahurul Huq, chairman of the University Grant Commission, Azim Uddin Ahmed, chairman of the NSU Foundation, Prof Hafiz GA Siddiqi, pro-vice-chancellor of the NSU and Dr David W Strangway, former vice-chancellor of the University of British Columbia, Canada, among others, addressed the convocation ceremony.

The bachelor degree was conferred on 203 graduates of six disciplines. Of them, 108 were from BBA, 58 from computer science, 29 from MBA, two from economics and English each, and four from environmental studies.

The first private university in the country, the NSU also conferred scholastic honour on 38 graduates for their outstanding academic performance, based on the cumulative grade point average (CGPA). This year, ten graduates received Summa Cum Laude, ten Magna Cum Laude and 18 Cum Laude.

There are many similarities between Japan and Bangladesh as people of both countries are industrious and fond of art and culture, the Japanese ambassador said.

He urged fresh graduates to work relentlessly for their motherland keeping three 'Cs' in mind: challenge, change and creativity.

Japan is mulling to increase the number of scholarships for the Bangladeshi students at present.

100 Bangladeshi students migrate to Japan for higher studies on scholarship a year, he said.

Termining private universities a potential alternative to public universities, ATM Zahurul Huq said private universities should keep up quality and bolster research and technology-based education.

Azim Uddin Ahmed suggested that private universities be encouraged as they were minimising exodus of students and saving foreign currencies.

Humaira Parvin Rumi, who obtained the highest score (CGPA 3.94), made the valedictory speech on behalf of the graduates.

The NSU has conferred bachelor degrees on 701 students since its inception in February, 1999.



Proshika President Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed (middle), talking to the outgoing EU Ambassador Mr Antonio de Souza Menezes (extreme left) while Proshika Senior Vice-President Mahbul Karim looks on.

EU ambassador calls on Proshika president

Outgoing European Union (EU) ambassador Antonio de Souza Menezes made a farewell call to Proshika President Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed at Proshika Bhawan yesterday, says a press release.

The EU envoy lauded the role of Proshika in the field of poverty eradication, sustainable development, protection of human rights, good governance and democracy.

Menezes said the EU would continue its support and cooperation to Proshika for implementation of its various programmes. As the largest donor to Proshika, the EU had provided nearly 50 million euro for implementation of various Proshika programmes under its ongoing five-year plan.

Proshika Senior Vice-President Mahbul Karim was also present on the occasion.

British envoy meets Haris Chowdhury

UNB, Dhaka

British High Commissioner David Carter yesterday met with Haris Chowdhury, political secretary to the Prime Minister, and discussed political and economic situation prevailing in the country.

Carter appreciated the steps of the new government in improving economic, law and order situation and political accommodation.

Haris Chowdhury pointed to the Prime Minister's call to the opposition for attending Parliament and said Awami League could discuss any issue in the House for the sake of national interest.

'Govt to evolve system for better management of water bodies'

BSS, Dhaka

Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said the government would develop an efficient water management system in the next five years, to conserve and manage water resources, water bodies, wetlands, rivers, khal and beels of the country.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session of the day-long national workshop on "Participatory Implementation of Small Scale Water Resources Project," organised by Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) at its auditorium in the city.

Proper water resource management is linked with the development of human existence, agriculture, trade, communication, fisheries, environment, domestic use, entertainment and many more uses, the minister said, adding that the government is committed to intensifying small

scale water resource development programmes.

Sounding a note of caution against illegal occupants of khas lands, ponds, wetlands, river, khal, beel and government water bodies, the minister said these water bodies should be freed from unauthorised possessions for its planned development to benefit the poor people and conserve the nature.

The minister said productivity of land and fisheries population is linked with the development of water resources and wetland improvement. The government will consider the water sector development as one of the priority areas formulating the Five-Year Plan, he added.

Any water related projects or infrastructure must be implemented with the involvement of local people, he said, adding that LGED and other departments concerned should also consider maintenance and repair of the infrastructure at the planning stage.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Haq Zia, Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ruhul Kuddus Talukdar (Dulu), Director of Asian Development Bank Dr Phiphit Suphaphat, First Secretary of the Royal Netherlands Embassy Peter D Vries and Chief Engineer of LGRD Shahidul Hasan also addressed the inaugural session, which was presided over by Joint Secretary of Local Government Division Abdus Sattar Miah.

Around 100 people involved with the small scale water management project attended the workshop.

The State Minister laid emphasis on making a plan to restore the natural flow of water and maintain navigability in the natural waterways and prevent degradation of the environment.

The Deputy Minister said increased involvement of the people is a must to develop and manage water resources.



A national workshop on "Participatory Implementation of Small Scale Water Resources Project" was held at the LGED auditorium in the city yesterday. Minister for LGRD & C Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was present as chief guest. Peter De Vries, First Secretary, the Royal Netherlands Embassy, and Dr. Phiphit Suphaphat, Director of ADB, Dhaka, were also present on the occasion.

UN official assures Dhaka of continued cooperation

UNB, Dhaka

UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jean-Marie Guehenno has assured continued cooperation with Bangladesh for its important contributory role in peacekeeping troops.

"The United Nations will always look forward to the cooperation of Bangladesh as a very important troop contributing country," Guehenno said when State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman called on him at his New York office on Saturday.

According to an official message received here yesterday, Guehenno also promised her personal interest to work with Bangladesh on peacekeeping issues.

During the meeting, Reaz Rahman stressed Bangladesh's long years of cooperative relationship with UN and said its active role in UN peacekeeping was one of the concrete manifestations of that relationship.

"Bangladesh prided itself in making significant contributions in troops as well as in other areas of UN peacekeeping over these years," he added.

The State Minister said that as the largest troop contributor,

Bangladesh is yet to reach its potential in terms of representation at policy planning level in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in the UN Secretariat.

He underscored that with more than 6,000 troops wearing the blue helmets in 10 UN peacekeeping operations, it is time to assign command positions to Bangladesh in these missions.

Bangladesh re-elected GTF chairman

BSS, New Delhi

Bangladesh has been re-elected chairman of the Global Tiger Forum (GTF) for the period of next three years.

Bangladesh was re-elected as GTF chairman unanimously at the second general assembly of the forum, which concluded here Saturday evening.

The countries which have been elected members of the GTF are India, Bhutan, Myanmar, Australia and the United Kingdom.

AFTAB AUTOMOBILES LIMITED

125/A, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka

NOTICE OF THE 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 21st Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Aftab Automobiles Limited will be held at the Hall Room of National Shooting Complex, Gulshan-1, Dhaka on 26th December, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

- To confirm the proceedings of the 20th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 14th December, 2000.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts as of 31st August, 2001 together with reports of the Auditors and the Directors thereon.
- To elect Directors.
- To declare dividend.
- To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business of the Company with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board

Sd/-
(Tareq Enamur Rahim)
Deputy Secretary

Dated : Dhaka
5th November, 2001

NOTES :

- The Board of Directors have recommended 16% dividend for the year ended 31st August, 2001.
- The Share Transfer Register of the Company will remain closed from 28th November, 2001 to 26th December 2001 (both days inclusive). During the said period no share transfer will be effected. The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Share Register of the Company at the close of business on 27th November 2001 will be entitled to the dividend.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint another member as his/her proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. Completed proxy form duly fill up and stamped to be deposited at the Company's Registered Office not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- Members are requested to notify change of address, (if any) and should reach the Company within 27.11.2001.
- The Registration Counters at the AGM venue shall remain open till 11:00 a.m. on the meeting date. No registration for attendance will be entertained after the said time.
- Admission to the meeting venue will be strictly on production of the attendance slip sent with the Annual Report.

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