



(Left) Winners of The Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank 2nd Inter-school English Debate Competition and the guests at the concluding ceremony of competition held at the Chittagong Club auditorium in the port city yesterday. (Right) A partial view of the audience.

Daily Star-Dutch Bangla English debate Sun Shine Grammar School becomes champion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cig

The Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank 2nd Inter-school English Debate Competition ended in the port city yesterday with a call for creating scopes to help children develop leadership qualities for an enlightened society.

Organised by Drishty, a cultural organisation, the final and concluding ceremony of the competition was held at the Chittagong Club auditorium.

The Sun Shine Grammar School became the champion while the Bay View International School runner-up. The motion of the debate was "Now crime is the only problem in Bangladesh". Earlier in the semi-final round, Ziaul Hossain Chowdhury of North South International School was declared the "Man of the Tournament".

The team of Sun Shine Grammar School included Ishita Rahman (team leader), Md. Mashhur Alam and Mehshaj Islam while Tazrina Shaheed (team leader), Saymon Saleh and Nazia Nawshin were in the team of Bay View School.

Ishita Rahman was adjudged the best debater.

Hasina Reza, principal of Gems International School, Kamol, principal of Sider International School and Shahidul Islam, staff reporter of The Daily Star, were in the panel of judges.

Addressing the closing ceremony, the speakers observed that the competition would enhance

the students' analytical power and encourage them to extend their horizon beyond academic studies and make greater effort to understand social issues.

Speaking as chief guest, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam said the debate offered the students a scope to make a journey through the gradual steps of logic.

"The present age of information technology is also the age of mind and ideas," he said. "As such, the debate would surely help the participants introduce themselves to the methods of solving problems logically."

Presided over by Drishty president Bridget Dias, the closing ceremony was also addressed by Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abul Momen, resident editor of The Prothom Alo, Ekram Hussein, executive vice-president of Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd, Prof Dr. Mohit Ul Alam, Safia Rahman, debate committee chairperson,

Nurul Alam, chairman of The Daily Star, and Kazi Towhid Ul Alam, first vice-president of Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd, as special guests.

Drishty joint-secretary Masud Bakul delivered the address of welcome in the ceremony conducted by the Drishty General Secretary Saif Chowdhury. Mahfuz Anam congratulated the participants and said, "English is a language of commerce and international communication; this competition will help you become the part of international scene."

"Such debate competition help one learn 'clarity of thinking' and skills of 'articulating' and 'communicating' ideas and thoughts," he said. "It also enhance logical thinking capacity and helps the students prepare themselves to face the challenges of the present age of creativity."

The editor said the students studying in English medium schools are getting the modern and standard education facilities.

"With this huge scopes and privileges for educating yourselves, you are at the same time entrusted with a greater responsibility," Mahfuz Anam said, calling upon the students to take the country forward.

CCCI President Farid Ahmed Chowdhury said the debate would enrich the knowledge of students and enhance the skills of presentation of logical speech in the international arena.

Kazi Towhid Ul Alam, the first vice-president of Dutch-Bangla Bank, referred to the bank's continued supports to different cultural and academic activities and observed that there should be more programmes like debate that give the students a chance to express their views on the burning issues of the present days.

Prof. Dr. Mohit Ul Alam, who presided over the final round of the debate, announced the names of the winner. And Mahfuz Anam gave away the prizes among the winners.

DUTA requisition meet today

DU CORRESPONDENT

A requisition meeting of the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) on the 'deteriorating law and order' will be held today at the Teachers' Club of the Dhaka University at 5:00pm, some teachers said last night.

Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, former vice-chancellor of the university, Dr Shahadat Ali, Prof. Abul Hashem, Prof. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Dr Anwar Hossain, Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddique are among 25 members of DUTA who convened the meeting.

Safe Motherhood Day today

UNB, Dhaka

Safe Motherhood Day will be observed in the country today, aiming to bring down maternal mortality rate by making people aware about reproductive healthcare.

The theme of this year's Safe Motherhood Day is "Bring the pregnant women to Emergency Obstetric Care Logo-marked hospitals in time of danger."

President Prof AQM Badrud-doza Chowdhury and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have issued separate messages on the occasion.

In his message, President AQM Badrud-doza Chowdhury said, "We

need to make pregnant mothers aware of the complications they suffer during pregnancy and encourage them to avail of the existing healthcare facilities."

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in her message said, "We will have to create awareness among people of all walks of life about urgent prenatal and postnatal care through a vigorous campaign."

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Directorate of Family Planning have drawn up elaborate programmes in cooperation with UNICEF to mark the day.

Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will air various programmes on 'safe motherhood' while national dailies publish supplements highlighting women's right to reproductive healthcare.

A discussion meeting will be held at Maternal and Child Health Training Institute (MCHTI) in the city at 10:45 am today.

JCD attacks SCF procession on BUET campus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) attacked a procession of the Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) on the BUET campus yesterday, leaving at least seven students injured.

Campus sources said a group of JCD activists launched the attack at about 1:00 pm when the SCF was demonstrating against the violent activities of JCD on the BUET (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology) campus.

The injured were identified as president of SCF BUET unit Indranil Palit, Rubayat, Milton, Shanto, Kishore, Subrata and Yamin. Seriously injured Rubayat was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

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Price Sensitive Information

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- Proposed Dividend for the year 2001 : 14%
- Date of Annual General Meeting : 28-07-2002
- Venue of Annual General Meeting : Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM), Dhaka
- Book Closer : 09-07-2002 to 28-07-2002 (Both days inclusive)

Names of the Shareholders appearing in Share Register on 08-07-2002 will be entitled to receive dividend.

By order of the Board
Sd/-
M. Qamrul Munir
Company Secretary

May 27, 2002

BRAC staff killed in road accident

Ashraf Uddin Joarder, regional coordinator of BRAC Comilla, died in a road accident on May 23 in front of Comilla sadar office when a Dhaka-bound bus hit his motorcycle. He was 40, says a press release.

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NOTICE

Dated : May 27, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of Renata Limited will be held at Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM), 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000 on Sunday, June 30, 2002 at 11.30 A.M. to transact the following business :

AGENDA

- To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- To Declare dividend @40% for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- To elect Directors, as per the relevant Articles of Association of the Company, in place of those who retire by rotation or otherwise.
- To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board

(Md. Shaiful Alam)
Company Secretary

Notes :

- The Register of Members and Share Transfer Book of the Company will be closed from June 19, 2002 to June 30, 2002 (both days inclusive) and transfers received in order at the Register Office up to 4.30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 will qualify for dividend to the transferees.
- A member eligible to attend at the Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his / her behalf. Form of Proxy, duly completed, must be deposited at the Company's Registered Office by 11.30 A.M. on Friday, June 28, 2002 and in default will not be treated as valid.
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