

Students learn business on the grounds



A BATB manager delivers his lecture on business and responsibility to students interested in this subject.

Unique competition offers university pupils an insight into how the corporate world really works

CITY CORRESPONDENT

An inter-university business case solving contest 'Battle of the minds', the first of its kind, took place yesterday at East West University (EWU) campus jointly organised by British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) and EWU.

A total of 145 students from five public and private universities took part in the meet, that included four final year business undergrads from hosts The EWU, the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Khulna University, North South University and Independent University, Bangladesh.

Quazi Mohammed Shahed, head of Human Resources, BATB, said the objective of such an event was "to help students to present the practical situation of business and visualize it as well". Events such as these will give corporate bodies an idea how university students prepare themselves for the business and job market.

The event comprised of many activities such as business case-solving contest where each contesting group presented a case on the same topic. Other activities included knowledge sharing where five BATB managers delivered lectures on business related topics such as supply chain man-

agement, business and responsibility, research delivers thinking, leadership in business and adding value to business through IT.

Heads of human resources departments of three leading multinational companies - Coats Bangladesh Ltd, Nestle Bangladesh Ltd, and Unocal Bangladesh Ltd - were judges of the competition.

"The BATB got an insight into the capabilities of university students and faculty members and the educational standard as well. The judges got an idea of the level of education provided by the universities along with the business understanding of these students," said Imtiaz Rahman, a business student from the EWU.

"Foreign universities have programmes where multi national companies hold seminars to hunt prospective candidates for jobs and events like these should be appreciated," said another student.

Educational programmes on effective communication were held at the Khulna and NSU early this year.

"BATB is interested in regularly holding such programmes provided educational institutions are ready to support us," said one of its executives.

The hosts and participants agreed that getting a glimpse of

the real business world was knowledge best gained. Students of the EWU got an idea of their standing with other universities and getting to know their counterparts from other institutions and quality compared with parallel institutions.

The IBA echoed same views and added that participation in corporate presentations like this gave students a greater exposure.

Khulna University team said these events should be more frequent. More universities from out of Dhaka should participate and know the real life business scenario of the capital. "We should get to know more about our competitors in the job market and share education quality through exchange programmes," said another student.

The presentation ceremony was the grand finale with the IBA winning the contest. The EWU came second and was the most applauded team. All the participants received certificates while four from the IBA, two from the EWU and one from the NSU received a ticket each as a gift to the BATB assessment centre meaning that these students have been exempted from the initial application/interview procedures for jobs in BATB.

Canada attracting prospective migrants

FAIZUL A TANIM

Following the liberalisation of Canada's immigration policy at the end of June 2002, local consultants have experienced a growing rush of prospective clients at their business centers.

At present, offices of these private agencies remain filled with visitors from morning to noon and the numbers of clients have almost doubled, said sources.

There are some 15 agencies involved in processing Canadian immigration application and according to their statistics, over 550 families migrated to the country over a period of eight years up to June 2002. The total qualifying points required at that time was 75. Since June 2002, some 100 families have migrated to Canada after the qualifying marks for skilled workers came down to 67. The percentage of families getting residency status has also seen a 50 percent increase according to the Immigration Law Consultancy Bureau (ILCB).

Charles W Pley, a well-known immigration lawyer from Canada, recently visited Dhaka on the occasion of the 10-year anniversary of CM International, a Canadian immigration agency in Bangladesh. He also took time out to explain the advantages of migrating to Canada.

"Previously doctors and nurses were not encouraged to apply. But after the liberalisation, they have been added in the occupation list along with many other skilled worker categories such as engineers and teachers," said Pley.

The age-limit for applying has been re-considered and extended to 49 years. The higher the educational qualification, the more points one can gain. Employment experience in related field, self-arranged employment prior to lodging application and even spouse's

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education gets added as extra points. In the investor's immigration scheme, the test to qualify has been made simpler with priority processing time set at approximately one year. Family reunification has also been given higher importance.

However, the drawbacks of the new policy include a higher standard for English language proficiency. The IELTS Test is a must with the minimum qualifying score being 5.0.

"The time duration which an immigrant must stay in Canada has been reduced from five to two years. Previously, an applicant upon reaching Canada had to stay there at least 6 months every year. Now one has to live in Canada for two years spread within a five-year period," informed Pley.

A senior Lawyer in Dhaka told Star City that the United States is putting a lot of pressure on Canada to further tighten its security following the liberalisation policy.

"The permanent residency card now has many security codes due to the pressure from the US. They are taking extra measures at the border and security screening before entering Canada has also been strengthened for that reason," said Pley.

Asked why Canada was welcoming immigrants while the USA was going for a stricter registration policy, agency directors said that Canada is more open because of its need for skilled labour. Besides, as both countries are different, they share different immigration viewpoints also.

"Around 20 visitors come to our office a day to collect information and at least 10 applicants are prospective Canadian immigrants. More than 100 families successfully migrated from my firm after the policy change," said Masudur Rahman, president of CM International.



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HEALTH

Hospitals

Heart
National Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases (NICVD),
- 9130800, 9122560-59

Burn
Dhaka Medical College Hospital
Burn Unit-8626812-6

Cancer
National Cancer Institute-8014914,
8826561-65
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib
Medical University-8612550-4,
861455-9

Diabetes
Diabetic Research Hospital
(BIRDEM)- 9661551-5,
8616641-50

Mother & Child Care
Shishu Hospital- 9119119,
8116061-62
Azimpur Mother & Child Health
Training Institute- 8624827, 8624980

Eye

Islamia Eye Hospital-9110794,
9119315
National Eye Hospital- 8117202,
8114807

Dental
Dental College -9002035

Orthopaedics
National Orthopaedics (Pangu)
Hospital- 9114075, 9112150

General
Dhaka Medical College Hospital-
8626812-6
Rushmono General Hospital-
8317819

Holy Family Hospital-
83111731-25
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib
Medical University Hospital-
8612550-4, 8614545-9
Bangladesh Medical College &
Hospital- 8115443, 9118202,
Shamarita Hospital- 9131901
Suhrawardy Hospital - 9130800,

9122560-69

Salimullah Medical Collage
Hospital -- 7310061-4, 7319002-6
Cholera Research Hospital
(ICDDR)- 8811751-60
Monowra Hospital 8319802, 8318135

Blood Bank

Red Crescent Centre- 9116563
Sandhani (DMCH)- 8624040
Sandhani (SMCH)- 7310061,
7310061,7319022
Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital-
8626812-9

Eye Bank

Sandhani International Eye Bank-
8614040

Ambulances For Dead Body

Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail)
9336611, Gandaria 7319808,
7318166,
Al-Markazi Islam 9127867,

MARKET CLOSED

Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday
Elephant Road-Friday
Bishal Center-Friday
Baitual Mukarram Market-Friday
Polwell Market-Friday
BCS Computer City-Friday
Isha Khan Shopping Complex-Friday.
Rajlaxmi Complex-Friday
Stadium Market-Friday
Bangabazar Market-Friday
National Museum-Thursday
Ahsan Manzil--Thursday.
New Market-Tuesday
Gausia Market-Tuesday
Mouchak Market-Sunday
Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday
Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday
Farmview Super Market-Sunday
Muktijuddha Jadughar-Sunday
Dhaka Zoo-Sunday
Shishu Jadughar-Sunday

TAXI CAB

Yellow Cab

Navana 9558065
Salida 9344477, 0171620881
Cosmo 9112959 and 8127191
Cab One 7113282-3
Nihon 8624741-2
Orion 9347277
Anudip 8125285 and 8127611
Capital 9352847

TRAIN TIMING

Subarna Express
Mahanagar Prabhathi
Mahanagar Godhuli
Turna
Parabat Express
Joyantika Express
Upaban Express
Tista Express
Ekata Express
Upakul Express
Agnienna Express

Leaves Dhaka at 4:30 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 7:30 am
Leaves Dhaka at 3-15 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 11-00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 6-40 am
Leaves Dhaka at 12-45 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 9-45 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 7-00 am
Leaves Dhaka at 5-00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 8-00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 9-20 pm

Union

8130485

Kool 0171826731

Black Cab

Cab Ex 9358401

Cabline 8321162

JBS Cab 019364575

Sajan 018126036

Anudip -- 8125285 and 8127611

Cab One 7113282-3

Palki

0171052500

Cab I 7113282

Jatri 0171540074

Nipun 9572277

R-Cab 8914782

Star Cab 9571919

Shihab 018202477 & 018228675

KGK 8620011

Reaches Chittagong at 10:35 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 1-55 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 10-55 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 6-40 am
Reaches Sylhet at 2-30 pm
Reaches Sylhet at 9-20 pm
Reaches Sylhet at 6-40 am
Reaches Bahadurabad at 1-05 pm
Reaches Bahadurabad at 11-15
Reaches Noakhali at 5-00 am
Reaches Jagannath at 2-30 pm

LIBRARY & INFO

Libraries, Cultural and Information Centers
Central Public Library- 8626001-4,
Shishu Academy- 9564128
Shilpakala Academy- 8614673
Bangla Academy- 8619550
Islamic Foundation- 9550280,
9556407
Nazrul Institute- 9114602
Ford Foundation- 8116133
Alliance Francaise- 8611537
Information Resource Center, The
American Center - 8813440-4,
9886395-9
British Council- 8618867-8,
8618905-7
Community Development Library-
8113769, 8113604
Goethe Institute Int'l- Dhaka-
9126525-6
Indian Information Centre &
Cultural Library- 8615096
The Russian Cultural Centre-
9116314, 9118531, 9118314
Drik Photo Gallery- 9120125,
8112954, 8123412
Press Institute of Bangladesh