Conference on "Sustainability in Higher Education" at ULAB

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A daylong conference on "Sustainability in Higher Education" was held at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) on Saturday, 24th March 2007. The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rafiqul Islam, delivered the welcome speech and emphasized the importance of sustainability in our society. Director of Academic Affairs Dr. Kazi Anis Ahmed highlighted the vision of ULAB and emphasized the importance of a well-rounded liberal arts education system for the next Bangladeshi generation.

The keynote speaker Carolyn Roberts, Acting Dean of Humanities and Sciences and Director, Centre for Active Learning at the University of Gloucestershire, UK, defined the term "Sustainable Development" and discussed the importance of sustainability in higher education.

Dr. Iqbal Aminul Kabir, Director of ULAB's ISD, Prof. Stephen Martin and Maureen Martin from University of Gloucestershire in UK, Dr. Zainab F Ali from the Department of Architecture, BRAC University, Russell Goodwin, Prof. Rezaul Karim Mazumder, Director, Electronics and Telecommunication, ULAB, Prof. Saiful Haque, Department of Food and Nutrition, University of Dhaka and Naser Rahman, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, ISD, ULABalso addressed the seminar.

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Orientation Ceremony and Workshop of YES held at Chittagong

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The Invincible Youth Will Surely Resist Corruption', with this slogan in view an orientation programme for volunteers of Transparency International Bangladesh's (TIB) Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) in Chittagong was held on March 16, 2007 at the Regional Public Administration Training Centre (RPATC), Chittagong. TIB launched its Youth Engagement and Support (YES) programme last year as a part of its anti-corruption movement. As a part of this movement, TIB has already formed 36 volunteer groups all over the country with the participation of young people. These young volunteers are introduced to various activities of TIB and how they could play their role in a social movement against corruption.

Eminent freedom fighter, educationalist, writer and Convener of Chittagong CCC Begum Mushtary Shafi inaugurated the daylong programme as chief guest. Other TIB officials were also present. The participants were mostly students, working youths and members of different cultural, sports and youth organizations aged 15-30 years. Officers from TIB conducted the workshop.

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Book fair at Daffodil International University (DIU)

DIU hosted a 2-day long book fair recently. The fair, opened on March 24, was organised by the students of the business faculty. The event was inaugurated by a colourful rally. The chief guest of the opening ceremony was Hamidul Hossain Tariq (Bir Bikrom). The programme was presided over by Dr Aminul Islam, Vice Chancellor DIU. Pro. VC, DIU, Professor M Shajahan Mia and other faculty members were also present at the function.

