Eastern University-*Boishaki* Celebration-1414



LIKE any other day, the morning of 4th *Boishak*, 1414 (Wednesday, 18th April, 2007) was hot and glowing, but the radiance especially touched the hearts of students, faculties and officials of Eastern University. Throughout the week, the colourful and extraordinary posters all around the campus had created great anticipation in their minds, and the shining Boishaki sun of 18th April put an end to their weeklong wait.

The young and zealous students of the Entrepreneurship course in the BBA program had arranged a young entrepreneurs' fair named *Boishaki Mela-1414*. Most were BBA 4th batch students who would graduate in one or two semesters and perhaps become real-life entrepreneurs themselves in a year or so. Their course teacher, Ms. Jafrin Farid, Senior Lecturer of Business Administration, EU, had planted this idea into the youthful minds and had started planning for the fair almost a month ago.

The daylong fair was inaugurated by Professor Dr. Rahim B. Talukder, Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University at 11:00 a.m. Stalls were distributed among students of the 4th batch and one of the junior most batches, 10th batch, who adorned their stalls with mind-blowing mottos.

All the stalls had the classy *Boishakhi* look, which was accompanied by fitting names like *Ghuddi, Shikor Shondhan, Boundulay, Dhrupodi, Boishakhi Vinnota, Different Touch, Poncho Barna, Biprotip, Ambrosia* and *Dhakaiya Khawon*.



Students of the 10th batch had set-up *Dhakaiya Khawon* even though it was not their course requirement. This was an exemplary step by the young and jubilant 10th batch, which participated in the fair voluntarily, inspired by their seniors.

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We discussed our thoughts and interests prior to the meeting and voted as the one on most of the issues. Big thanks to Syed Monir Khasroo (Faculty of IBA), Zunaed Rabbani (President NSUDC 2006), Mabroor Wassay (President IUTDS) and everyone else present at World Council from Bangladesh. Together we've ensured that concerns on the ESL (English as Second Language) competition and the visa problems that we faced always. Moreover, voting as one, no single future bidder can afford to forget about Bangladeshi interests in the future Worlds.

Assumption University of Thailand will host Worlds 2008

Thailand gave an amazing presentation of next year's Worlds in the World Council meeting. The venues promise to be absolutely astounding and the organization seems incredibly professional. Hence, I would encourage universities to go to the next Worlds from Bangladesh because it would be more cost efficient and most importantly it would become an "Asian version of Worlds". The only critical questions about the Thailand proposal at council concerned the political stability of Thailand, in particular the consequences of the recent coup, but most were persuaded by the answers of the organizing committee, a board member of Assumption University and a representative of the Thai consulate.

Multiple debating union / on universities issue (IBA and DU)

Another issue that we have raised in the council which concerns the proposal to allow multiple institutions under one university to debate as Different Teams at Worlds, subject to very strict conditions in which Bangladesh (especially IBA and DU) have different debating unions that serves one university. Decision made by the World Council was, IBA and DU will be representing the University of Dhaka in the Next Worlds

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