



Students flip through the catalogues of the participating corporate houses at different stalls at Aktel Career Fair 2007 on the premises of Faculty of Business Studies of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday. Department of Finance organised the daylong career fair.

New Zealand lauds Bangladesh's achievements in various sectors

Bangladesh HC presents credentials

Governor General of New Zealand Ananad Satyanand has appreciated the economic creativity and diversity of Bangladesh, says a press release.

He has called for expansion of trade and business links between Bangladesh and New Zealand by capitalising on duty-free entry of Bangladeshi products to that country.

The governor general was speaking at the presentation of credentials by Bangladesh High Commissioner (HC) M Humayun Kabir at the Government House in Wellington yesterday.

He evinced keen interests in the recent developments of Bangladesh, particularly in women empowerment, health sector and micro-credit.

Ananad reiterated that New Zealand has been cooperative and friendly towards Bangladesh since its independence.

He hoped that bilateral relations between the two countries particularly in the field of education, trade and investment will be enhanced in the days ahead.

He also lauded the role of Bangladesh in UN peacekeeping operations all over the world being

the top contributor of troops in the world.

High Commissioner Humayun Kabir highlighted the progressive and liberal policy framework for foreign direct investment in Bangladesh.

He hoped that New Zealand entrepreneurs could build up a vibrant and mutually beneficial economic interactions with their Bangladeshi counterparts through knowledge and skill sharing and joint venture initiatives.

Humayun informed that the present interim government had engaged itself vigorously to eradicate corruption and make the political and electoral process more transparent and accountable so that good governance could be ensured through the effective participation and oversight of the people.

He mentioned that Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relationship with New Zealand which is based on shared commitment to peace, democracy, human dignity, rule of law and justice.

The high commissioner also stated that Bangladesh, as a young and dynamic nation and as a responsible member of the international community, has been trying to build up a moderate and harmonious social structure incorporating people from all religions and segments of the

Aktel Career Fair held

DU CORRESPONDENT

A daylong career fair was held on the premises of Faculty of Business Studies of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday that drew a huge response from the students.

The Aktel Career Fair 2007 was organised by the Department of Finance with a view to grooming the career of the students of the faculty.

A total of 16 corporate houses, including Grameenphone, TM International (Bangladesh) Limited, CityCell, British American Tobacco, Rahim Afroz, Citibank NA, Standard Chartered Bank, HSBC, National Bank, BD Jobs, Unilever Bangladesh Limited and Trust Bank Limited participated in the fair.

Channel i, Radio Today and The Daily Star were the media partners of the event.

A number of faculty students expressed their satisfaction over the holding of the fair saying that these kinds of fairs offer them a chance to have a better idea about the corporate houses.

During the fair, several hundred students submitted their CVs to the participating organisations according to their choices and competency.

Earlier in the morning, DU VC Prof SMA Faiz formally inaugurated the fair. Faculty Dean Prof Serajul Islam, Chairman of Finance department Prof Mahmood Osman Imam and Managing Director of TM International (Bangladesh) Limited Ahmad Bin Ismail were also present.

Addressing the inaugural session, Prof Faiz hoped that through the fair, the faculty and employees would be able to foster a synergistic relationship and create a sustainable win-win situation in the coming years.

M Aminul Haque, general manager (HR) of TM International (Bangladesh) Limited, said they were optimistic that the students would greatly benefit by participating in the fair while the participating organisations will have the opportunity to find the right talents.

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The discussion titled 'Budget on agriculture: Peasant's budget' was organised by Channel i on the premises of Rahimkuri Govt Primary School at Boro Harishpur union in Natore, says a press release.

The speakers said only five percent farmers of the country are aware of national budget while the rest do not have any idea about it.

Besides, these peasants are not even aware of their due rights, they added.

Facilitator of the programme and Channel i Director Shaikh Siraj laid emphasis on the availability of information to the peasants in a timely manner.

Renowned economist Hossain Zillur Rahman said country's policy makers are not much concerned about the fate of agriculture and farmers.

The peasants said they do not have access to any information about fertiliser, quality seeds, irrigation and even pesticides.

Private English Medium Schools Forum formed

Bangladesh Private English Medium Schools Forum has been formed recently with the aim of bringing about a uniform standard of education among private English medium institutions of the country, says a press release.

The forum was registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies under Section 28 of the Companies Act 1994. Membership is open to all private English medium schools.

The ten founder-members are Bangladesh International Tutorial, Dhanmondi Tutorial, Happy Times International School, Maple Leaf International School, Mastermind School, Oxford International School, Scholastica, South Breeze School, Sunbeams and Sunnysdale.

The elected office-bearers of the forum are Yaseem Mursheed - chairman; Niloufer Manzur - vice-chairman; S Fakhrudin Ahmed - member secretary; Lubna Chowdhury - joint secretary; and Sakhawat Hossain - treasurer.

The main objectives of the forum are:

- To encourage English medium schools to register under the respective education boards according to government rules and to follow a uniform curriculum.

- To ensure Bangla language competency levels of students of the O & A Level system which will be equivalent to the national SSC & HSC levels and will ensure admission into public and private universities in Bangladesh.

- To ensure that the textbooks used in private English medium schools accurately reflect the history, culture, customs and values of the people of Bangladesh with due importance and respect so that students become imbued with a deep sense of commitment to their own heritage and can highlight Bangladesh internationally with a sense of dignity and pride.



An injured student lies on a bed in his room at the International Hall of Dhaka College yesterday. He was injured when a large piece of plaster fell off the ceiling onto his head on Tuesday midnight.

GARMENTS TRADER MURDER 4 robbers sentenced to 37 years' RI

COURT CORRESPONDENT

10 prosecution witnesses.

According to the prosecution, a gang of robbers attacked a tawer carrying the complainant, deceased and 13 other passengers at the Dhaleswari ferry ghat in Savar at about 9.30 pm on November 14, 1998.

The gang beat them mercilessly and dropped Majibur Rahman and others in the river. The complainant and others escaped except Majibur. The next day, Majibur's body was recovered from the river, the prosecution added.

The investigation officer pressed charges against them on January 23, 1999, showing 13 people as prosecution witnesses.

Assistant Public Prosecutor Tajuddin Ahmed appeared for the state while advocates M Sajwar Hossain and Abdullah Abu defended the accused.



Channel i Director Shaikh Siraj speaks at a discussion on the premises of Rahimkuri Govt Primary School at Boro Harishpur union in Natore yesterday.

Launch social movement against smoking: CA

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhrudin Ahmed yesterday called for launching a social movement to make the people aware about the hazards of smoking.

He made the call when a delegation of Adhunik, led by its founder-president national professor Dr Nurul Islam, called on him at his office on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day.

The chief adviser said, "Smoking is bad for all -- oneself, family, society and the nation. It does not bring any good to anyone." As much as the social movement would be strengthened, achieving the goal would be easier, he said.

He also called for involving the NGOs working in rural areas with the Adhunik campaign.

Responding to a proposal of the delegation to impose more taxes on tobacco for discouraging smoking, the chief adviser said he would discuss the issue with the ministers concerned.

He also said that measures would be taken to prevent smoking in public places.

President of the Coalition Against Tobacco (CAT) and UNB chairman Amanullah Khan, Yusuf Haroon Bhuiyan, Adhunik executive

secretary MA Jabbar, Dr Neena Islam, Firoz Khan Noon, singer Fakir Alamgir and Dr Mostafa Zaman of WHO were, among others, on the delegation.

SUMMER VACATION
Few DU depts to continue classes

DU CORRESPONDENT

Academic activities of different departments of sessions 2005-2006 and 2004-2005 under science faculty of Dhaka University (DU) will continue till the middle of June, says a press release.

Classes of those departments of 2005-2006 sessions of science faculty will continue till June 14 while classes of 2004-2005 sessions will continue till June 15, the release added.

DU entered into a month-long summer vacation today but the departments that could not complete their syllabus will continue with their classes.

An emergency meeting of the faculty took the decision yesterday.

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