

Anti Tobacco Inter School English Debate Contest held at USTC

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UNIVERSITY of Science & Technology Chittagong (USTC), the first private University of Chittagong city celebrates World No Tobacco Day every year. As a part of this celebration, USTC organised 1st Anti Tobacco Inter School English Debate Contest this year. It was organised in association with the anti Tobacco Organisation named "Adhunik".

The programme started on May 20 in which six English medium schools of Chittagong city took part. The participating institutions were Sunshine Grammar School Summerfields School, Cider International School, Bangladesh Elementary School, Presidency Int School, Oxbridge Int School.

Dr Jafar Alam, Pro VC (Academic) of USTC was the chief guest at the Inaugural session. Topic of the opening debate was "Intellectuals have more contribution than the labourers for the development of civilisation". Summerfields School was the winner against Presidency School. Cider Int School defeated Oxbridge Int School and Sunshine Grammar School defeated Bangladesh Elementary School in the first round. Best Speakers were-Mohaiminul Islam (Summerfields), Shamjid Siraj (Cider), Savera Mizan (Sunshine). Different sessions were conducted by Afsana Rashid and Dona Roy.

Semifinal round was held on 21st May. "Media can play greater role for the prevention of smoking" - was the Topic of first semifinal and Summerfields School defeated Sunshine Grammar School. Cider Int School was another winning team. Shafkat Fahmid of Cider became the best Speaker.

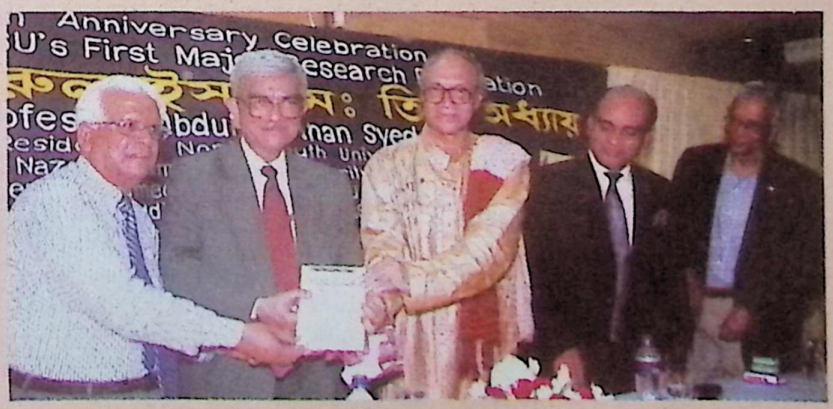
Judges of various debate sessions were-Moniruzzaman Bhuiya, Asst Professor, Chittagong University, Mahmud Hasan, Lecturer, IUB, Saifur Rahman, Badiul Alam, Lecturer, IUB, Dr SC Roy, Associate Professor, USTC, Akhter Noor (English), Kishor Mazumder (Pharmacy), Rozalynne Samira (Biotechnology), Lecturer, USTC.

Topic of the final round was- "Political commitment is more important than social commitment for the prevention of intake of Tobacco". Cider Int School was speaking for the motion and Summerfields school was against the motion. Cider International School became the Champion. Amit Bhattacharje of Summerfields School was the Best speaker. The debate was presided over by Abdullah Al Ahsan, Pro VC (Administration), USTC. The programme was finished by the expectation of a Tobacco free generation.

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NSU holds seminar on Nazrul Birth Anniversary

North South University (NSU) held a book launch on 30 May 2007 at its premises on the occasion of the publication of NSU's first major research venture, a book on the life of the national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam titled "Kazi Nazrul Islam: Three Chapter" authored by the current NSU scholar-in-residence, Professor Abdul Mannan Syed. The meeting presided over by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Hafiz GA Siddiqi, had Dr. Jamal Nazrul Islam, Professor Emeritus, Chittagong University as chief guest and Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Chairman, NSU Foundation as special guest. Leading Nazrul scholars of the country spoke on the occasion. The evening was rounded off with a musical program to celebrate Nazrul's 108th birth anniversary.



Well-known Nazrul Geeti exponents participated in the musical soiree.