An interview with
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What is the Objective of organizing the AKTEL CAREER FAIR2007?

It has long been felt. Because, there are many opportunities to build bridges between the corporate world and the educational institutions, like the University of Dhaka . And I think they complement, instead of supplement, each other. On many occasions the corporate world is coming to this institution to deliver lectures and we the teachers are also working for them through consultancies and other stuffs. But for the students the responsibilities are much higher. The competitions are growing very tough for business students and there are private universities as well who are providing ample opportunities for their students. Unfortunately, the necessity for arranging the relationship with the corporate world always received a low importance from our side.

There are mainly two objectives to arrange this kind of program. One is the students can meet many of the corporate personals in a single day in their own personalized form. At the same time they can understand the environment of the corporate nature and behaviour which gives them the idea as to how they should build their career according to the atmosphere of the companies.

And the other thing is, the corporate world is getting the chance in a single day to assess, evaluate, and interact with the fresh graduates with which they plan to design their recruitment systems.

Business students are in a better position to be recruited than other subject students, so what will be the extra advantage from this Career Fair?

Fresh graduates join companies whenever they are given opportunities. However, when they get number job opportunities, they would like to choose from the jobs.

Now, being fresh graduate themselves they are not in a position to choose among the variety of jobs and what may be good for them. Here in the career fair there are corporate presentations due to which the students come to know about the recruitment policies, the corporate environment and convenient atmosphere. Moreover they can decide whether a Bank or a mobile company would be a better career. Then they know where to apply and when to apply. So the main thing is just to create the opportunity to help deciding a career.

Do the departments have influences on the participating companies in the career fair?

Its not that we are influencing or pressurizing them. We are simply giving the environment to judge. We know that are our products are the best. We want to shape them so that they can be fitted according to their corporate needs. But at the same time there are some organizations who are always interested in recruiting our products.

Is there any plan to organize such career fairs every year?

Yes we have plans to organize this program every year.

Can it be done with the participation of the entire faculty?

Yes, after organizing the program this year I felt the importance of the entire faculty's involvement organizing the career fair where more organizations would participate and more opportunity can created.

At the same time the department of Finance is opening an official website where CVs of the fresh graduates will be available. The interested companies will be provided passwords to download such CVs.

