'Writing is an enjoyable task and you can make them write small, easy things allowing them to be as creative as possible,' he said. 'As for example, you can ask them to write a one line poem with the topic "YOU" and see the magic!' Jeremy cited how students could respond to this by writing lines like: 'You are the tender sunshine on my window', 'You are like the green mango that makes me elated in summer...', 'You are the cloud that's dropping the rain to wash out my pains...', 'You are like the cute green grassland on an autumn morning...' etc. What he meant was, in doing this type of very small activity, they actually need to think a lot to generate the appropriate expression. And that is what makes them creative. Holding bigger thoughts in a smaller thread of expression makes writing task challenging and enjoyable.

The seminar was a grand success given the fact that the participation and responses were overwhelming, much to the delight of both Jeremy and BELTA. Everyone held this opinion that this type of interactively interesting seminars is the need of the moment, and BELTA has a great responsibility to perform in this regard. It ended in the right note with BELTA President Prof. Arifa Rahman presenting a cute memento to Jeremy as a mark of Bangladeshi hospitality, ably reciprocated by British gratitude.

Now that the postponed international conference has been rescheduled on 7 and 8 September in BIAM, one hopes that Jeremy Harmer will be back among us. And for those who missed that Sonargaon-opportunity, it is great news.

Hashi Klub!!!

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DEAR readers of Star Campus, I am going to introduce to you some of the rockers of Dhaka University. They are different from the other rockers. Why are they different? They are different because these rockers have opened a ***Hashi*** **Klub** (Laughing Club)!!! Yes, you have read it right. It is something new for us - Bangladeshis.

Five years ago in Mumbai, Dr. Madan Kataria decided to find out whether or not "Laughter is the Best Medicine." He gathered together a group of patients and neighbours to meet daily to enjoy a good laugh for a while. After a time, Dr. Kataria found that the participants experienced improved health and decreased levels of stress. Now this theme of laughing club has become very popular in India. In America and Europe such clubs are there for many decades.

Now, about our own club. Some students of 2001-02 session of different departments of DU have opened a *Hashi* Klub (Laughter Club). It is informal in nature. It began its journey on July 1, 2007 with a grand *Hashi* (Laughing) party. The purpose for creating such a *Hashi* Klub is to have simple but rocking fun. It has no written but some oral rules. The mission is to laugh to ones optimum level.

The existing number of members of *Hashi* Klub is 44 and it is growing steadily! The *klub* now operates in Room no. 229, Zahurul Haque Hall of Dhaka University at 10:59 PM on every Thursday. The *Hashi* Klub has no organogram and no committee. Here everyone is a general member. No one is superior or inferior to one another. The monthly subscription of this *Hashi* Klub is Tk. 1. If any member fails to pay that, he is fined 0.25 paisa payable the very next month. The activities of this *Hashi* Klub includes telling and reading skits, jokes, funny stories, poems, rhymes, satires etc. They also watch videos, ads and funny *Natoks* (dramas). The Klub has plans to include hearty laugh, dancing laugh, swinging laugh and cocktail laugh.

SM Didarul Hasan, one of the organisers of this *klub* commented: "We want to have fun and make some moments enjoyable. After a week of work and chaos, we meet to enjoy our leisure time. After we pass out from this university we want to continue with the activity of Hashi Klub. For this purpose, members of this klub will meet regularly to pass some quality time."

He first shared the idea with Johny and Kamrul, respectively they are the present and former president of house of debators, Zahurul Haque Hall. Laughter helps us develop our sense of humour. Laughing is beneficial for both the soul and health. If you want to be a member of this *Hashi* Klub then write to: hashiklub@gmail.com.

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