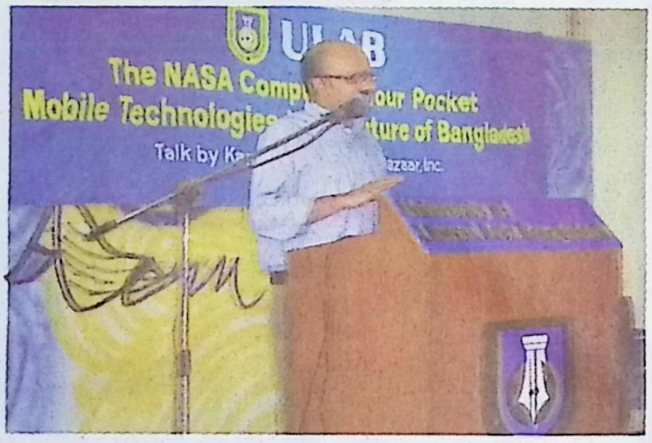
NASA Computer in your pocket

KAMAL QUADIR, founder of CellBazaar, gave a talk on the power of the mobile phone to the students and faculty members of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh on April 24th in the university auditorium. A graduate of the prestigious MIT of USA, Kamal explained to the audience the power of sharing agro information amongst the farmers of the country through which they can have important market information of their products. The technology is becoming a virtual market place in the country and a growing number of transactions are being conducted using the technology. Kamal informed the audience that today a mobile phone uses more computing power than the computer which guided the Saturn V rocket to the moon in 1969. The talk was followed by a interesting question and answer session.



All Asians Inter Varsity Debate begins May 7

THE '15th All Asians Inter Varsity Debate Championship' will begin on May 7 at North South University (NSU), says a press release.

This was disclosed at a press conference at NUS yesterday. The tournament will be continued till May 13. NSU Vice Chancellor Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi was present in the press conference and congratulated the effort of NSU Debate Club for hosting an event of this magnitude. Convener of the tournament Zunaed Rabbani elaborated the bidding efforts behind the glory of hosting the event. The tournament is the largest international debating competition in Asia and one of the most prestigious in the world. Bangladesh will host the tournament for the first time in South Asia. Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed will inaugurate the highly celebrated event.

The objectives of organising the event include upholding the image of Bangladesh in the global arena, facilitating cultural exchange, and creating diversity and tolerance. In the process it will provide a platform for building future leaders in business, political and social arena. Around 350-400 foreign participants from 10-12 countries including Japan, China, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and South Korea along with 100 local participants will compete in the tournament. The tournament will be accessible for all to witness the world-class debate as well as get trained by renowned international trainers, who will be conducting training workshops from May 3- Interested participants can send e-mail at nsudc@hotmail.com or log in www.nsuallasians.com to register. Prime Bank Ltd, Southeast Bank Ltd, NCC Bank Ltd, Brac Bank Ltd, the daily Prothom Alo, The Daily Star, Radio Foorti, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Masthead PR and United International University will support the event.

Seminar on Democracy and Election Roadmap at Rajshahi University

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THE "Center for Social Studies" (CSS), a teachers' society of Rajshahi University organised a seminar on "Bangladeshe Gonotontro o nirbaconi roadmap "(Democracy and Election Roadmap of Bangladesh) on Thursday. Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof. M. Altaf Hossain inaugurated the seminar at RU Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium. Prof. Dr. Emaj Uddin former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University (DU) was present as the chief guest while five former Vice Chancellors of various universities deliberated on the contemporary seminar topic.

The program was presided over by Director of CSS Prof. Shah Habibur Rahman. Prof. M. Akhter Hossain Mozumder of Social Work department presented the keynote paper. Among others who addrssed the seminar were former Vice Chancellor of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) Prof. Dr. A.K.M. Azharul Islam, former VC of Khulna University Prof. Dr. M.A. Kadir Bhuyan, former VC of RU Prof. Faisal Islam Faruqui, former VC of Manarat University (Dhaka) Prof. Dr. M. Umar Ali and former VC of Islamic University Prof. M. Rafikul Islam.