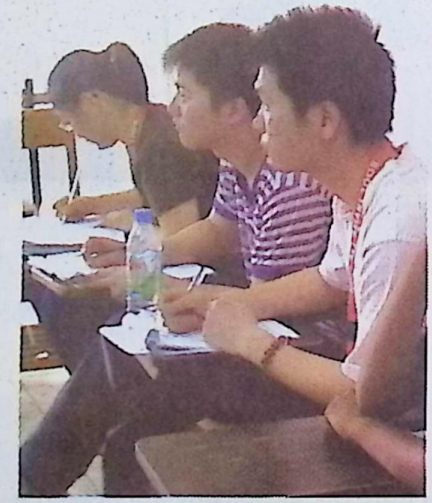
thanked everyone responsible for this event including the Board of Governors of NSU, the Vice Chancellor, the Tournament Advisory Committee, the Faculty Advisor, organizing committee and the sponsors. Following the convener, Dr. Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi, Vice Chancellor of North South University, also said a few words. He congratulated NSUDC for organizing a program of this magnitude and elaborated the success stories of the club in the debate arena both locally and internationally. This was followed by a cultural program performed by *Shangskritik Shanghatan* of North South University. Later in the evening, an exclusive fashion show, sponsored by Farzana Shakil Makeover Salon Ltd., displaying fashion of *Bangalis* throughout the different ages was held. Traditionally, the 'Cultural Night' starts after the Opening Ceremony is held so that the different nations of Asia get an opportunity to display their unique cultures. Delegates were all dressed in their individual country's attire.

From 9th May, different rounds of debates started at North South University. The day ended at Hotel Regency where the Youth Development Night, sponsored by BRAC Bank Ltd. was held. This night was intended to increase youth awareness regarding various political, environmental, social and other global issues.

On the second day (May 10), debates were also held at North South University. The participants were treated to a 'Fun Night' at the Wonderland Amusement Park later on the day, sponsored by *Mojo*. Here the participants got the opportunity to experience the ambience of a rural 'fair' with '*putul naach*', '*shaaper khela*', '*banor nach*', '*nagardola*', '*baul* songs' and were introduced to the symbol of Bangali tradition, the '*gamchha*'. The participants also enjoyed free rides in the park.

On 11th May, the third day of the competition, the participants were taken to St. Joseph Higher Secondary School and College where the day's rounds of debates were held. The day ended at Pan Pacific Sonargaon hotel where after dinner, the Chief Adjudicator, Sarajit Baral of NSU, along with the Tab (the software used to determine the opponents for a given team) Director, Dr. Alfred C. Snider from Vermont, U.S.A. and the Deputy Chief Adjudicators, Mr. Jason Jarvis from South Korea, Mr. Siddharth Chauhan and Ms. Adiba Shareen from India, announced the names of the teams proceeding to the 'Quarter Finals'.

A council meeting was held at the United International University (UIU) on May 12 where the organizers of Asians received a lot of positive feedback from representatives of different institutions. Chutinan Chutima of Thailand said, 'I have been to 3 Asians before and this is, by far, the best one'. The participants were taken to the *Mojo* factory afterwards where they spent the day enjoying cricket matches, flying kites, cycling among other things. They were then brought back to UIU where the Quarter Finals were held. Four teams proceeded to the Semi Finals - three teams from National Law School of Bangalore(NLS-B), India, and one team from the Lahore University of Management and Sciences(LUMS). The day ended at the Pan Pacific where the 'Championship Dinner', an elegant black-and-white-ball, co-sponsored by *Rahimafrooz*, took place. The night began with an enjoyable 'Public Speaking' round where a number of participants were asked to speak spontaneously on a certain topic. The night also included a session of free makeovers, sponsored by *Farzana Shakil Makeover Salon Ltd.* Bangladeshi Cultural makeovers were done on 11 lucky foreign participants of the tournament. They were dressed in all sorts of pure Bangladeshi attire, starting from *Jamdani* sarees to sarees with 'block designs' to *Benarasi* sarees and of course *Panjabis*. Following this, the organizers of the tournament entertained the participants with a fashion show of their own, also sponsored by Farzana Shakil Makeover Salon Ltd. The night ended with a performance by 'Black'.



The Semi Finals of Asians was held at UIU on 13th May. Two teams from National Law School proceeded to the Grand Finale, also held on May 13, 2008 at the Plenary Hall of the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. The final debate was chaired by the Deputy Convener, Asif Newaz, and was live telecasted by ATN Bangla. Following the debate, the Closing Ceremony started where the adjudicators of the different countries gave speeches praising the hospitality and warmth they received and the efficiency with which the 15th All Asians 2008 was held, thanks to the members of the NSUDC. The Convener, the Faculty Advisor of NSU Debate Club, Ms. Nusrat Sharmin Huq, the Chairperson of NSU Foundation, Ms. Rehana Rahman, and the Vice Chancellor of NSU, Dr. Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Siddiqi congratulated NSU Debate Club for organizing such a successful tournament and the participants for being such wonderful guests. The tournament was officially closed by Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Adviser, Ministry of Education and Commerce, Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh.