The discontinuation of NCPC by the government created huge frustration among the existing young and talented contestants. They started looking at other options like organizing Intra-University Contest, Inter-University Contest and similar kinds of events to maintain the sharpness of problem solving skills. Fortunately there are still role models in the society whose relentless efforts help the nation and makes the presence of Bangladesh felt in the international competitive centre stage. Professor M Kaykobad of BUET is one such person whose tireless efforts to foster the culture of programming contest among the young talent pools of the country, starting from school to the university contributed in bringing laurels from many international competition in programming contests for Bangladesh such as ACM ICPC World Finals, Google CodeJam and from other online contests.

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), one of the youngest and promising private universities of Bangladesh taking into consideration the importance of the competition and enthusiasm it generates among the young programmers and problem solvers and to provide an opportunity to young programmers to sharpen their problem solving skills for the upcoming ACM Regional Contest later this year decided to host the National Programming Contest named ULAB NCPC 2008 on October 17, 2008. A strong steering committee formed under the leadership of Mr. Kazi Shahid Ahmed took up the responsibility of organizing the event and ensure maximum participation which they did very successfully. Computer Jagat, ETV and RadioToday joined as the Media Partner, Global Brand Pvt Ltd as the Prize Partner, Singer Bangladesh as the sponsor partner and Green Power supported the online power backup.



Top ten teams received NCPC crest from the Chief Patron Mr Kazi Shahid Ahmed, President, Board of Directors, ULAB and top six teams received hardware prizes from the support partner. Professor Zafar Iqbal thanked ULAB for hosting such a wonderful contest and said he looked forward to the day when this contest will become an annual event.

The long Eid and Puja vacation could not dampen the spirit and the enthusiasm of the participants and when the registration closed on October 15, 2008 the number of participating teams from twenty three public and private universities stood at seventy one, one of the highest ever in such a competition organized in Bangladesh. The teams included: American International University Bangladesh, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, BRAC University, Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology, Daffodil International University, Darul Ihsan University, East West University, Eastern University, International Islamic University Chittagong, International Islamic University Chittagong, Dhaka Campus, Jahangirnagar University, Khulna University, Military Institute of Science & Technology, North South University, Shah- Jalal University of Science & Technology, South East University, Stamford University Bangladesh, State University of Bangladesh, University of Dhaka, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, University of Rajshahi, and United International University

The ULAB NCPC 2008 was inaugurated by Professor Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor of ULAB at 9.00 on the cool Friday morning of October 17 and five hours of problem solving contest began. The contest was entirely arranged at international flavor. It was designed to be contest of the best. In the next five hours of contest the internationally reputed computer scientist Professor Zafar Iqbal lead the NCPC as the Chief Judge along with Mr Shahriar Manjur as the Judging Director.