With these teams Mr Mahmudur Rahman, Mr Sabbir Yousuf Sanny, Mr Shamim Hafiz, Mr Sohel Hafiz, and Md. Arifujjaman Arif were the problem setters beside judging the submissions. Besides, Dr Amir Ali, Mr Tanmun Mursalin, Mr Ismail Jabiullah, Mr Kazi Jahidur Rahman, Mr M Shamsul Alam, Mr Tanveer Ahsan, Syed Monowar Hossain, Manzurur Rahman Khan Sidky worked as Judges. They were assisted by two volunteers from ULAB. Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain, Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of ULAB was the Contest Director and took care of all the minute details along with the ULAB team to make the contest a success.

The ULAB NCPC 2008 continued till 2 in the afternoon and all along the contestants were served with adequate food and drinks by the host. The five time power outage were hardly noticed by the participants as the Green Power had their stand-by state of art power back up system. The NCPC teams had 9 problems to solve and the five hour contest came to a close with BUET Falcon Team heading the list of the winners solving seven problems followed by NSU Arcturus team coming out second with six problems solved to their credit. Other successful teams were: BUET Sniper 5 problems, DU Knights 4 problems, DU Dhruba 4 problems, DU Gladiators 4 problems, SUST Sprut 3 problems, BUET Mystic 3 problems, IOI Polynomial 3 problems and MIST Asterisks 3 problems. The lead winning team of ULAB NCPC 2008 contest from BUET comprised of Tanaeem M Moosa, Md. Mahbubul Hasan and Shahriar Rouf Nafi while the NSU Arcturus team consisted of Samee Zahur Al Islam, M Mustafijur Rahman Faysal and Ameer Hamza.

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The Award Night started at 5:20 p.m and the Chief Patron Mr Kazi Shahid Ahmed chaired the session with Mr Zabeed Ali Sorkar, Executive Director, Bangladesh Computer Council graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. An aura of warmth and happiness filled the award night with all the coaches, contestants, guests, faculty members, volunteers and other partners from the industry filling the ULAB auditorium, all eagerly waiting for big moment when the Chief Judge, Professor Zafar Iqbal would be announcing the results of the contest formally. The Vice Chancellor Professor Rafiqul Islam welcomed the guests and congratulated the contestants. The Pro-VC Professor Imran Rahman in his speech urged the need for nurturing the contest and related training issues and felt the need for formation of a ACM Programming Contest Training Institution to support all these activities.

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The Chief Patron Mr Kazi Shahid Ahmed enthralled the gathering through his inspiring speech and stressed the importance of competing in all spheres of our life for achieving excellence in our performance. Among the gathering Professor M Lutfar Rahman, Professor Abu Laise Haque and other respected members from the academia, industry and media were present. The award night program ended with a musical soiree.

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