

He admitted that the contestants have done remarkably well in terms of handling stress, and done brilliant presentations overall.

After the results were announced the winners were overwhelmed with joy. So were the faculty members who had come all the way to support their students. Dr. Iftekhar Ghani Chowdhury, the Head of the BBA Department of BRAC University, the BOM champion this year, admitted quite jovially that his students are as good as anyone in the market and a victory of this proportion was inevitable.

The ending note was given out by the chief guest of the program Mr.Farooq Sobhan, President of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI). He thanked the organizers BAT (British American Tobacco) for not only arranging such a competition but also staying with it for such a long period of time. Later in the afternoon the judges were given a token of appreciation by the Chairman of BATB and the program ended as the Battle of Minds team of 2008 took photographs with the winners, judges and the guests.



A magnificent show

4th NDF BD National Debate Festival-08

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A razzmatazz of creative dialogue with 1200 future leaders

"Kollolito Burigangar Sopno Vase, Char Sotoker Bake, Juktir Ucchase" with this slogan National Debate Federation Bangladesh (NDF BD) organized two-day grand 4th National Debate Festival-2008 in the capital which saw about 1200 debaters including 700 students from Dhaka.

On Nov.1 the inauguration ceremony began with the singing of the national anthem of Bangladesh. Women and Children Affairs Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury inaugurated the gala ceremony at Shaheed Zia Auditorium of National Museum. At the inaugural ceremony ,the National Debate Federation Bangladesh also honored Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star with Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the country's debating culture.

Earlier, a colourful rally was brought out from National Museum which ended at the TSC premise. Pro Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider, Chairman of NDF BD A.K.M Shoaib and General Secretary M Safayet Hossain joined the rally along with the students. At the inaugural ceremony, debaters took the oath of never taking drugs, never committing repression on women and never resorting to corruption.

