The present capacities of all the residential halls are 1388. The total students of this University are about 2400. We can accommodate 70% students in the residential halls. 30% students are staying outside the campus. We have proposed a new hall for the accommodation of 500 male students and the vertical extension of the female hall from 3-storied to a 4-storied hall. If the government approves the proposal, we can fulfil our present demand. We have already submitted a proposal to the UGC for a new department named Leather Technology Department for the admission of the undergraduate students and to convert two post graduate department named Energy Technology Department and Bio Medical Engineering Department into undergraduate departments.

Extra Curricular Activity: Each residential hall has a common room, reading room, guest room and library. There are cable TV and indoor facilities in the common rooms of the residential halls for recreation of the students. Library facilities of the halls are limited. In future we have a plan to increase the library facility of the halls for supplying reading materials for all students.

Indoor and outdoor sports facilities are available for refreshment of the students in the university premises. Inter hall indoor and outdoor sports and the DSW office organizes annual sports every year. Outdoors the respective departments every year organize sports competitions of different year of different departments. Indoor and outdoor games, cultural activities of the halls are held every year. There is a gymnasium in the university and it is open for the students from 6 am to 8 pm. The facilities of the gymnasium is not good enough and so we have a plan to increase it. University magazine and hall magazines named Barshiki are published regularly.

We have submitted a proposal to the UGC for a new office building that includes a gymnasium, a basketball and a badminton court respectively to increase the recreation facilities of the students in the campus. We have a plan to set up a swimming pool for the students in the campus in near future.

SC: How do you evaluate the upcoming conference - ICCIT 2008, considered by many to be the largest International event in the history of KUET?

PNA: The 11th International Conference on computer and information Technology (ICCIT-2008) will be held in KUET on December 25-27, 2008 organized by the Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering. For the first time this distinguished conference will be commemorated outside Dhaka. This is challenging for KUET to provide excellence in arranging such a summit of scholars and researchers as none of its previous events was held in-campus. KUET has excellent history for hosting national conferences and seminars but this is the first time KUET is organizing an international conference.

158 out of 534 submitted papers were selected for the conference proceedings having an excellent 29.5% acceptance rate. 42% of the authors form abroad will be accompanied by 58% of authors from Bangladesh. The papers will be published in IEEE Xplore. Selected papers will be placed in 5 distinguished and well-recognized journals. The opportunity of extending the conference paper up to 30% and placing it to the journals is offered for the first time as well. Moreover two workshops- Internet and distributed Computing Systems (IDCS 2008) and Data Mining and Artificial Intelligence (DMAI 2008), organized by the University of Melbourne and the University of Central Queens land respectively, will be hosted by KUET in conjunction with this conference. Such arrangement of workshop will be first in the history of ICCIT. Six distinguished scholars and researchers form the universities around the world are augmenting the value of the ICCIT 2008 as keynote speakers.

SC: Where do you see KUET five years from now?

PNA: KUET is committed to provide quality engineering education. It is also responsive to the emerging challenges to the rapid technological advancements. KUET is dedicated to nurture and create world-class engineers imbued with ethical values and competence to face the competitive field of engineering and technology. We know we may be poor in terms of money but we are never poor in terms of merit. What we need from now on is to develop our research facilities and enrich our laboratories. We can make a road map of five years planning but we are not sure that we will get our expected budget. Here is the problem that we face. We all know the economical condition of our country. We know we have some drawbacks but we are confident to make use of the maximum of our potentials.

We want to establish KUET as the centre of excellence. To fulfil this task we need adequate budget from government. To reach the goal we are working hard. Two more departments have already started functioning soon after KUET started its journey. They are ECE & IEM departments. Besides two more departments will intake students very soon. They are Energy Technology & Bio-Medical Engineering departments. In the mean time Syndicate of this University has approved to open two departments and three institutes. They are department of Leather Engineering and Urban and Regional planning. The institutes are Institute of Disaster Management, Institute of Information and Communication Technology & Institute of Power & Environment Technology. We have further plans to open the following departments gradually. These departments are not indicated in the organogram, but we have high hopes to introduce these departments for the future students. They are as (i) Department of Textile Engineering & Technology (TET), (ii) Department of Geo-Environmental Engineering (GEE), (iii) Department of Architecture (Arch), (iv) Department of Building Engineering (BE), (v) Department of Mechatronics Engineering (Mec. E), (vi) Department of Water Resource Engineering (WRE), (vii) Department of Ceramic Engineering & Technology (CET), (viii) Department of Food and Nutrition Engineering (FNE), (ix) Department of Chemical Engineering (Ch. E). May Almighty Allah grant us to fulfil our dream to make KUET a unique education centre.