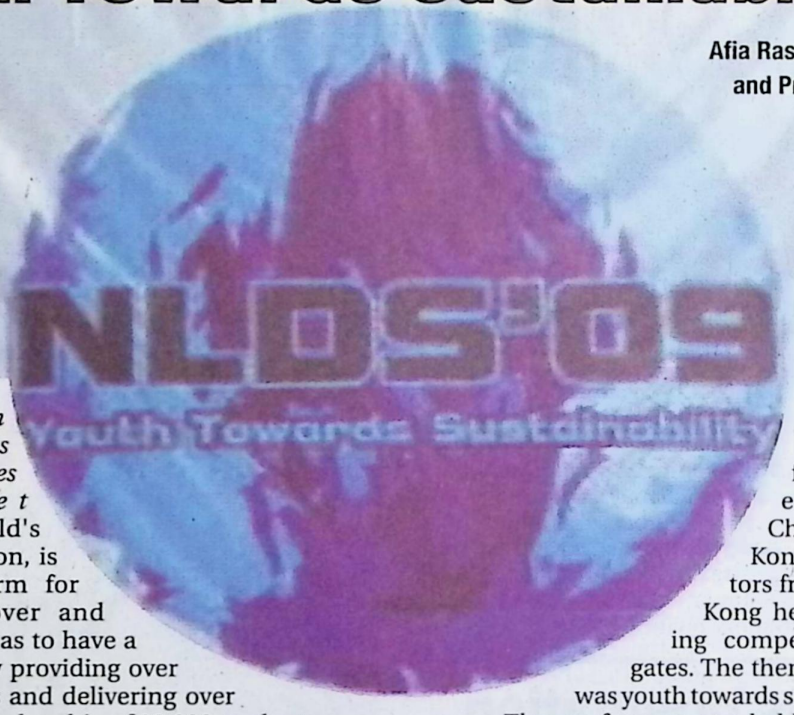
AIESEC NLDS' 09
Youth Towards Sustainability

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AIESEC (*Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales*), the world's largest student organization, is the international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential so as to have a positive impact on society providing over 7,500 leadership positions and delivering over 350 conferences to our membership of 32,000 students, running an exchange program that enables over 4,500 students and recent graduates every year the opportunity to live and work in another country.

AIESEC's activities in Bangladesh since 1997 have already achieved enormous success in leadership development. AIESEC Bangladesh obtained its full membership status in the International Congress 1999 held in Durban, South Africa. It comprises of four local committees, AIESEC in North South University, AIESEC in BRAC University, AIESEC in American International University of Bangladesh and AIESEC in Independent University Bangladesh. Since its establishment, AIESEC Bangladesh has organized many national and international conferences to train and develop its members.

The National Leadership Development Seminar (NLDS) is one of the biggest and most important conferences in the history of AIESEC Bangladesh. The seminar was aimed at developing leadership skills and competencies of all AIESEC Members in Bangladesh. This time it was attended by 160 delegates from four different universities and various academic backgrounds, and also included foreign delegates from Ghana, Netherlands, Mainland China, UK and Hong Kong. Foreign facilitators from UK and Hong Kong helped in developing competencies of delegates. The theme of the seminar was youth towards sustainability.

The conference was held from January 7, 2009 to January 10, 2009. The venue of the conference was Zastat Holiday Resort, Sylhet, Bangladesh. The agenda of the conference consisted of various kinds of sessions including AIESEC training, leadership development and management, Sustainability and CSR.

The 6 hour journey from Dhaka to Sylhet was paid off by a rocking opening plenary where the facilitators and the executive body of AIESEC Bangladesh were introduced to the delegates. The chair for the conference was Rubayat Khan, at present an AIESEC alumni working at NEW AGE. For the first time NLDS ran in two separate tracks: Leadership Role (LR) Track and Taking Responsibility (TR) Track.

The TR track (designed for junior members) was the one that created a larger stir, firstly because it had a bigger delegation, and secondly because it was the first NLDS for TR track delegates. The TR track was administered by Saira Enam (LCVP Admin. AIUB), and the sessions were facilitated by Salman Omar (LCP NSU), Pratyush Kumar Sureka (UK), Fion Fung (Hong Kong), Fahim Hossain (MCP) Mahnaz Nazneen(LCP BRAC U),