Seminar on the proposed budget

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SOCIETY for Leadership Proliferation (SLP), a newly formed student organisation of the Department of Marketing, University of Chittagong along with Premier University, Chittagong arranged a seminar on the proposed budget for the year 2009-10 on June 21, 2009 at the WASA campus of Premier University, Chittagong. In the seminar Dr. Milan Kumar Bhattacharjee, the Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, Premier University was present as a Chief Guest while Dr. Mohammad Saleh Jahur, the Professor of Finance and Banking, University of Chittagong was present as the key note speaker. The chief discussion handlers were S. M. Salamat Ullah Bhuiyan, the Professor and Chairman of Marketing, University of Chittagong and Md. Salim Uddin, the Associate Professor of Accounting, University of Chittagong.



In the seminar the speakers urged that the government should ensure investor friendly environment in the country by removing complexities in investment procedures. They put emphasis on the restructure of the tax collection procedure and the transparency of the system. Regarding whitening the black money, the speakers said that the opportunity could be given for one year not for three years and the percentage should be fixed up to 25% rather than 10%. To meet up a portion of the budget deficit the government can seek the help of bonds and other securities which will retain the loan sanction capability of the commercial banks. To boost up small investment, SME loans (Small and Medium Enterprise) must be made easily obtainable and must be approved to the proper and eligible enterprises.

The moderator of the seminar was Md. Tayub Chowdhury, Associate Professor of Marketing, University of Chittagong

NSU signs MOU with McNeese State University, USA

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NORTH South University (NSU) has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with McNeese State University, USA. Vice Chancellor of North South University (NSU) Dr. Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi and Dr. Robert Hebert, President, McNeese State University, USA signed the MOU on behalf of NSU and McNeese State University respectively. The Dean, NSU School of Business, Dr. Golam Mohammad, and the Director of BBA Program, Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

The areas of collaboration between the two organisations will include student and faculty exchange, research, publication, internships, workshops etc. Dr. Siddiqi stressed the importance of establishing new programmes of Business education at NSU and sought assistance and support from McNeese State University in this regard. McNeese State University offered all types of support and cooperation to develop the business education at NSU. The universities pledged to cooperate closely for the symbiotic benefit of students, faculty and the respective business schools.

Leadership Development Training for Youth

A two-day intensive and interactive training workshop entitled "Leadership Development: Youth Empowerment & Activism" is going to be held on 17th and 18th of July 2009 at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). The International Affairs Club (IAC) of IUB, in collaboration with Star Campus as the media partner is organising this event for the college and university students.

Dignitaries from UNDP and international organizations, eminent teachers, and former ambassadors will moderate the sessions which are- a) Personal Development, b) Youth and MDGs, c) Nuts and Bolts of NGO Management, Development, and Administration, and d) International Relations & Development. Apart from the valuable certificates, the participants will get preference for representing Bangladesh in the international conferences and exchange programmes that IAC deals with. IAC sends delegation to Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters, World Model United Nations, Asian Youth Forum, USA Leadership Program and many more.

The registration deadline for the event is 9th July and, as seats are limited, students will be selected on first come first serve basis. For any queries, please contact with M. Rashedul Hasan, Office Manager, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, IUB, 90 Park Road, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212, Phone: 880-2-9862368 (348), Mobile: 880-1818-161382, Email: int.affairsclub@gmail.com.