Olympiad on the 4th Friday of January. This year the divisional science Olympiads were held at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Daffodil International University and Southeast University. Olympiad activities started in the morning with the raising of National and BAS flags followed by a 2-hour examination on interesting science problems. Students were then served lunch/snacks, then assembled for an open session to get their thirst of knowledge satisfied by academicians. Olympiad activities ended with the Prize Distribution ceremony and announcement of those who qualified for the BAS National Science Olympiad. Most of the centres could attract near 500 students. Guardians were also found to take keen interest through their appearance in the Olympiad venue.

Winners of divisional Olympiads participated in



BAS National Science Olympiad held at BUET on the 4th Friday. This was a three hour contest. After the contest students participated in a question answer open session where fellows of BAS Professors Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Ali Asgar, QA Fattah, Aminul Islam and Professor Md Zafar Iqbal participated and illuminated students on different branches of science. BAS President Professor Shamsher Ali and BUET Vice Chancellor AMM Safiullah spoke in the prize distribution ceremony.

While this year the Olympiad activities were limited to junior and secondary groups there has been a growing pressure for opening yet another group for higher secondary group. BAS is committed to allocate necessary funds and resources for organizing this Olympiad every year the same time with the hope that our young kids will be science-oriented, will be able to find scientific explanation of the events around them, will enjoy doing science, will apply their knowledge for making a better self sufficient and advanced Bangladesh.

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