Lab Asia-USTC 1st Debate Workshop

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'Juktir aloi, muktir gan' with this slogan, the first Lab Asia Debate Workshop was held in the University of Science & Technology Chittagong (USTC) on 2 May. It was organised by the Department of Pharmacy in association with Drishty Chittagong and presided over by Dr. S.C Roy, Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacy, USTC. The Chief guest Farid Uddin Ahmed, Registrar, USTC inaugurated the programme with his welcome speech. Fauzia Siraji, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy and Irfan Newaz Khan, Lecturer, Dept. of Pharmacy, USTC also addressed the programme. The programme was divided into 3 segments- training sessions, a model debate and a talk show. Adnan Mannan, Lecturer, Biochemistry & Biotechnology Department, USTC trained on models and types of debate and spoke about various advantages of being a debater. Advocate Mili Chowdhury trained on the presentation and pronunciation in debate and Shuvashish Chakrobarty, Lecturer, CSE, USTC trained on the rebuttal skills, closing the training segment. In the second segment a model debate was conducted. Reza Chowdhury, Saifuddin Munna, Sayeed, Sabeer Shah, Junaid Ahmed and Muttakin chowdhury participated in the model debate. The third segment was "Talk show" with the former debaters. Guests in the talk show were Irfan Newaz Khan, Md. Mominur Rahman, lecturer, Dept. of Pharmacy, I.I.U.C, Adnan Mannan, lecturer, Dept. of Biochemistry & Biotechnology , USTC, Joysree Das, lecturer, Dept. of Pharmacy, BGC Trust Medical College and Afsana Rashid Nadia, one of the members of the previous winning team of USTC in the inter-university debate championship. The programme was hosted by Nasrin Jahan Bobby and Reza Chowdhury. Nearly 160 students of different departments of USTC participated in this programme.

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ICan: To Change How We Think

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ICan, a student organiation recently started its journey in Dhaka to explore and expose the bright and benevolent young minds. ICan is set to create a common platform for innovative and motivated people to present and materialise their ideas in the practical world. The conference was held in Hotel Sarina, Banani, on the evening of May 7, 2010. The audience included students and professionals from various backgrounds from the country and abroad. At the end of the session, there was an open discussion where everybody shared their ideas and propositions regarding the change they want to see. The vision of the initiative is generated mainly from experiencing the lack of opportunity Bangladeshi young talents suffer despite having much creative and innovative potential.

