Star Campus finds out more on DUDS:
An interview with the president

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Star Campus(SC): Tell us about the preparation details of the 4th National Debate competition.

Al-Amin Chowdhury Sumon(AACS): The DUDS executive committee for year 2009-10 had committed to organizing this event. We organized the National Debate Festival at the end of May. We first finished our routine programs and then launched this project.

Preparation actually started from late April. We started our formal journey from last week of April when the university administration finally permitted us to go for such a big venture. So our committee and volunteers got only 20-25 days time to prepare for the event.

SC: DUDS organized this competition after six years, why after such a long time?

AACS: The first DUDS debate festival was arranged in 1994, the second one in 1996 and the third one in 2004. For many reasons a huge event as such is impossible to arrange every year. Thus DUDS actually aims to arrange the National festival every 3-4 years.

DUDS had plans and also the capacity to arrange the national festival for the past 2-3 years. But due to political unrest and other unavoidable circumstances it was not possible.

SC:Was the university authority cooperative enough in arranging such a huge event?

AACS: To be honest, without the assistance and support of our VC Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique, Pro-VC Dr. Harun Ar Rashid, treasuer Dr. Mizanur Rahman, the program would not have been possible.DUDS alone couldn't have arranged the event in only 20 days. Accommodation in the halls, managing sponsors, security affairs and each and every aspect of arranging the program was taken care of by the university administration. Finally, our Chief Moderator, Dr. Syed Manjurul Islam and Moderator, Dr. Mahbuba Nasrin had contributions, which cannot be measured.

SC: Did DUDS face any form of difficulty to arrange the program?



AACS: We had a few difficulties, which we would not like to mention after completing a successful program. DUDS is a big debating organization and it welcomes challenges.

SC: What was the role of the volunteers in the program?

AACS: DUDS members and debaters from different organisations volunteered for the programme. We had 12 sub committees consisting of almost 100 members. It was a collective effort of DUDS and other participating organisations. Volunteers worked really hard to make the show a successful one.

SC: Any future plans regarding similar events?

AACS: DUDS will continue promoting debate in and outside the country. We have regular programs of our annual calendar.And we hope to arrange the 5th national debate festival after 2-3 years interval.