An anecdote of the best part of my life!

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HEADING into the IUT IV 2010 and this being only my second competition ever I didn't know what to expect out of it. Although we were the organisers of the tournament and I knew much about what goes on, yet it was unclear to me how it would all come together.

The night before the IUT IV started we all were sitting in a room along with the ex-President Rishad Sharif, the practice went on the whole night, it was 5 in the morning; we just got off to work. Sharif bhai and me went to the bus station to adjust our banner and set off for collecting people from Dhanmondi.

Starting off from Dhaka, I totally felt like I was heading off to a picnic outside Dhaka with the whole of the English Debating fraternity of Bangladesh. Reaching IUT, the registration team got to work while the tab team started to get the tabs out for the first round of debate.



Mr. Abdul Latif from International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) who was the Tab Director for the WUDC 2011, briefed about the style and strategies of the British Parliamentary format of debating. After the first round we had a wonderful lunch beside the lake of IUT. Mabroor Wassey announced the motion for the second round after lunch. Now taking the advantage of power matching this time I met a few teams with whom we pulled off victory for IUT.

Moving on to day 2, the round started with us IUT 3 battling with IUT 1 Chittagong University (CU 2) and NSU 4 with debaters who have been in this fraternity for more than 2 years. We were thinking of bagging at least two points in this round because we knew for us rookies it would be impossible to pull through but it was a great round because the level of the debate was just simply top notch. We end up earning a point and that was great.

On break night the breaking teams and the adjudicators were announced followed by fireworks to wish them success. Although IUT had one team breaking but yet the roar of IUT was off the hook. The next day started at Westin ballroom for hosting the semi-finals and the finals. We had the MD of AB Bank Limited as our special guest, the Vice Chancellor of IUT and the Ambassador of Republic of Turkey. It was IUT 1, NSU 4, BRAC 1 and IBA 1 battling in the finals. The motion in the house was: "This House Will Demolish All Half A Century Old Building In Dhaka City." With that session ending the tournament director Mr. Tahsin Mahmood introduced the IUT Debating Society. IBA's Gaushey Shahriar is awarded as the top speaker of the IUT IV 2010. There was a round of applause when IUT became the runners up while IBA clinched the title.

While announcing the concluding words my emotions filled up as I was an integral part of the tournament, working day and night, bunking classes, missing quizzes, sleeping at odd times, all of these were coming to an end at that very moment.

For all it was just a 3-day programme, but for IUTDS, it was a 2 months' worth of hard work but the feeling was awesome when we saw the appreciation. Still in my first year, don't know how all these will help to shape my life but the feeling to see the whole of IUTDS defining the best National Tournament ever, it just felt one thing what MasterCard adds say...

"THERE IS SOMETHING MONEY CANT BUY!!!"

And now I know it's all true! I would like to take the pleasure of praising a few people who just made it possible, our president Arif bhai, tournament director Tahsin bhai, Sakib bhai the mastermind behind the magazine Tanvir bhai and Sharif bhai.

Waiting for the next IUT tournament to come. To all the people out there who are not part of the IUTDS. I just have one thing to say - you are missing out one of the best thing that IUT has got to provide!