

## BRAC and Georgetown University create platform to discuss faith-inspired social issues



BRAC University's Department of Economics and Social Sciences, in collaboration with Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, and World Faiths Development Dialogue organised a daylong workshop on "Secularism and Faith-Inspired Development: Understanding Contestation and Collaboration" on November 22.

The workshop started with a welcome address by Professor Syed M. Hashemi, Chair, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, BRAC University and an introduction to the collaboration by Professor Katherine Marshall, Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University. Professor Saad Andaleeb, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University chaired the presentations of the day.

The workshop included discussions on "Faith-Inspired Development Practitioners in a Secular State" and "A Secular Development Approach in Practice."

## Scholastica students attend MUN Conference in India



A group of seven students – from class XI and XII – along with a teacher from Scholastica, Senior Section, Uttara attended Vivek High School Model United Nation (VHSMUN) Conference 2014 held in Chandigarh, India from November 17 to 20.

This year's VHSMUN surpassed the level of interaction from the previous years, bringing together more than 1000 high school students from over 15 countries in the world.

Students of Scholastica represented Chile, Iran, Sudan and Liberia on human rights, women's rights, Ebola outbreak, Arab league, G20 Summit etc and performed well. The students also carried out a presentation where they represented Bangladesh.

## Dr. Muhammad Yunus appreciates initiative by Eastern University & Yunus Centre



A MoU was signed between Eastern University (EU) and Yunus Centre (YC) on November 17 at the Yunus Center. Dr. Muhammad Yunus attended the event. Professor Dr. Abdur Rab, the Vice Chancellor of EU and Lamiya Morshed, the Executive Director of YC, signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutions.

F.M. Amir Khashru, the General Manager of YC, briefed on the MoU. The Pro Vice Chancellor of EU, Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, mentioned that initiatives must be taken to popularise the idea of social business among the youth of Bangladesh. Professor Dr. Nazrul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business Administration stated that Eastern University is introducing a short course on social business. Dr. Muhammad Yunus welcomed and appreciated such initiatives taken by EU and wished them every success. As a part of the MoU, EU is launching a 12-week short course on social business from December, 2014.

## DIU Chairman made Guest of Honour for USIM Convocation

Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Daffodil International University (DIU) joined the 12th Convocation of University Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) as Guest of Honour, invited by the Management of USIM with Queen of Malaysia and Chancellor of USIM Tuanku Aishah Rohani and Crown Prince Yang Amat Mulia Tunku Besar Seri Menanti Tunku Ali Redhaudin Ibni Tunku Muhrizz. The convocation was held on November 15-16 at USIM Grand Hall. USIM is the only public university where Islamisation of knowledge is addressed in all its academic programmes.



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