

Drishty Chittagong holds Model UN Workshop

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A workshop on Model United Nations took place on January 23, 2015 at the Chittagong Independent University auditorium, organised by Drishty Chittagong. A lot of interest was seen among the students regarding this workshop. UN recognised trainers, SIM Sadman Sheikh and Fahmida Faiza, conducted the workshop on the widely practiced rules and regulations of model UN conferences, delegations, diplomatic relations and activity.

Waseka Ayesha Khan, MP, was the chief guest at the award giving ceremony following the workshop. "We cannot survive alone. Everyone needs a platform and UN is such a platform for the entire world. How to represent a country at UN and how to maintain diplomatic relations – these are taught by model UN conferences and are worthy of appreciation."

The special guest of the event, Wahid Malek, managing editor of the Dainik Azadi, said, "We need to create diplomats to represent Bangladesh in the future world forums. Chittagong really needed this event to be on par with the current times." Educationist Safia Ghazi Rahman praised the students and called them the "future global leaders." She called out for



the students to be prepared to make Bangladesh a more determined and prosperous nation.

Former General Secretary of Drishty Chittagong and lecturer at Chittagong University, Adnan Mannan, said, "Model UN is a land of fulfilling dreams, one where the conversations cannot be compared with either prose or poetry. The experience of delegating teaches a person of its certain kind of speaking and etiq-

quettes." The workshop was organised in association with the Rotary Club of Chittagong City; Zahid Hossain Chowdhury, President of the organisation also spoke at the event. The programme was presided over by Masud Bakul, President, Drishty Chittagong. General Secretary Banakusum Barua; Joint Secretaries Shahidul Islam and Saber Shah; Debate editor Tafhim Himel; and Joint Coordinator Kazi Arfat also

attended the event. The event commenced with a speech by Zunayed Kaushik Chowdhury, coordinator of the Drishty Chittagong Model UN. Apart from Bangladesh, 257 students of 40 institutions from 10 countries participated in the workshop.

Lighthouse Imperium was the strategic partner of the event. The media partners were Dainik Azadi, Jamuna Television and SHOUT.



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"You read, travel and learn about the trends, and try to fill the gaps. Bridging the gaps, that's what entrepreneurship is all about," said Dr. Rehnuma Karim, while mentoring young leaders and entrepreneurs at a grooming session under the iLead programme. The event was held at Asian University for Women, Chittagong on December 22, 2014.

Dr. Rehnuma Karim is an Assistant Professor of College at Brockport, State University of New York. She earned her Ph.D. in Recreation and Leisure Studies from Penn State University, USA. The

title of her dissertation is "Learning to Live: A Qualitative Inquiry on the Female Victims of Acid Attack in Bangladesh." Her research interests focus on cross-cultural studies emphasising on coping strategies, youth-at-risk, diversity in higher education and civic engagement. She is also involved with various youth development activities in Bangladesh.

"iLead: Inspiring Generation Next" is a virtual youth mentoring programme initiated by Bangladesh Brand Forum (BBF), collaborating with the US Embassy and the EMK Center. The objective of the programme is to make the

Bangladeshi youth aware of various social challenges, along with helping them hone proper skills to develop business ideas to address the challenges through engaging the local leaders, experts and global Bangladeshi professionals. The session was put together by Bangladesh Brand Forum, EMK Center, Google Business Group and JCI Dhaka.

The hour-long virtual hangout session started with a presentation on iLead and the speaker, Rehnuma Karim. At the inception of her virtual session, Karim thanked BBF and EMK Center for organising the session and the students, not only Bangladeshi but also international

students studying at AUW.

According to her, creativity, passion, keen observation, determination, confidence, fearlessness of uncertainty and a strong sense of independence are some necessary quality and skills for an entrepreneur. The students can involve in activities suitable to their individual interests during their leisure time and start building relationship with others, as today it's difficult to do anything alone. Reading outside regular context can help them to acquire diverse knowledge.

The session was followed by an extensive question and answer session.

iLEAD GOOGLE HANGOUT SESSION AT AUW: Inspiring FUTURE leaders