

Bangladeshi students receive scholarships from SMU

Two students from Dhaka, Bangladesh were recently awarded one of the highest scholarships given out to international students by a Canadian University. Saint Mary's University is one of the oldest public universities in Canada and each year a handful of students get the privilege to receive awards that are declared by the president of the university. Presidential and Santamarian scholarships are given out to international and Canadian students.

This year, SK Mahmudur Rahman Shovon and Saidur Rahman Tipu from Dhaka secured these honours. Both students have finished their high school under the O/A level system and will be attending the university from September, 2015. The Presidential Scholarship is worth \$36000 (CAD) and Santamarian is worth \$20000 (CAD). It should be noted that the yearly tuition fee at Saint Mary's is approximately \$14,800 (CAD).

Saint Mary's University is part of the Canadian University Application Centre (CUAC). The CUAC is a Canadian organisation with offices worldwide to help and assist students choosing higher education in Canada. The Bangladesh office of CUAC is located in Gulshan, Dhaka and has been successfully helping Bangladeshi students for more than 18 years.

Graduation Ceremony at Sir John Wilson School

Sir John Wilson School (SJWS) organised its Graduation Ceremony 2014-15 on April 15, 2015 at the Gulshan Club, Dhaka. The ceremony marked the success of 39 IGCSE and 19 A Level graduates of SJWS. This was the 10th IGCSE Batch and the 3rd A Level Batch to graduate from the school. Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed, renowned author, social reformer and the founder of Bishwo Shahityo Kendro was the chief guest at the ceremony. He inspired the students with his moving speech on how to be great individuals and personalities in life. Members of the BOT, the Principal, Vice Principal, teachers, parents and other guests were present.

The programme included a cultural show by the students, followed by the distribution of certificates by the chief guest, Chairman and Members of BOT.

Moodle Training Awards at ULAB

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) awarded faculty members who completed a Moodle Training Workshop. The awards were given at a ceremony on April 15, 2015. Moodle is an online learning system that supplements face-to-face classes.

ULAB has adopted Moodle, an open-source learning management system, and all faculty members are being trained to use the system in order to enhance student learning. Training workshops are held every semester, conducted by Department of English faculty member and Moodle expert Arifa Ghani Rahman.

Using Moodle, faculty members can upload lectures in different formats including videos, assign tasks and grade them, conduct quizzes, have online discussions, take attendance, and so on. Best of all, grades are all available in real-time. Students can be on track with their studies during political turmoil, sickness or any other instances.

The 56 faculty members who completed the Moodle Training Workshop this semester were awarded certificates by the VC, Prof. Imran Rahman. Dr. H.M. Jahirul Haque, ULAB Pro-VC; Dr. Brian Shoesmith, Dean of Academic Development; and Juditha Ohlmacher, Advisor, Communications and Student Affairs, were also present.



18th Convocation ceremony of NSU

The 18th Convocation ceremony of North South University was held at its own campus in Bashundhara on May 2, 2015. Nurul Islam Nahid, M.P., Minister of Education presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees to 2034 graduates. Prof. Randy L Beutler, President, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, delivered the Convocation Speech.


The Valedictorian, Muneera Chowdhury, including 9 other gold medalists from the undergraduate and graduate programs were awarded Chancellor's and Vice Chancellor's Gold Medals. Graduating students, teachers, members of the BOT and other dignitaries took part in the convocation procession.

Prof. Dr. A K Azad Chowdhury, UGC Chairman (State Minister) joined the degree awarding session as the special guest. Benajir Ahmed, BOT Chairman; Prof. Amin Sarkar, Ph.D., VC, NSU delivered speeches. Secretary, Diplomats, Head of International Organisations and university Vice Chancellors from home and abroad were present in this auspicious ceremony this time.

Seminar on Macroeconomic Aspects of Foreign Exchange Reserve held at SEU

The Department of Economics at Southeast University (SEU) organised a seminar titled "Macroeconomic Aspects of Foreign Exchange Reserve: the Bangladesh Case" on April 20, 2015 at the Seminar Hall of SEU Banani Office. VC Prof. Anwar Hossain was present at the seminar as chief guest, while Pro VC Prof. Dr. Md. Humayun Kabir Chowdhury was present as the special guest. Chief Economist of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Biru Paksha Paul was present as keynote speaker. Dean (Acting) of School of Arts and Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim chaired the session.

Among others, Registrar of SEU Brig. Gen. Md Anwarul Islam, ndc, psc, G+ (Retd.), Deans of different schools, Chairs of different departments, faculty members, staff and students of SEU were present.



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