

New Vice Chancellor of EWU joins office

On having been appointed by Abdul Hamid, the Chancellor of East West University (EWU) and President of Bangladesh, Prof. Dr. M M Shahidul Hassan joined as the Vice Chancellor of EWU with effect from October 11, 2015. He's the 4th VC of this university. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Chairperson, BOT, EWU welcomed Dr. Hassan at the university's own campus at Aftabnagar, Dhaka.

Before joining EWU, Dr. Hassan was a Professor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) department in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). Dr. Hassan graduated from the Department of EEE, BUET in 1973 and completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Clarkson University, New York, USA in 1988.

He is a renowned researcher of the country. His research articles have been published in more than 50 national and international journals. University Grant Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) awarded him for the "Best Research Paper" for the years 1991, 1999, 2003 and 2005. He was the recipient of a prestigious Bangladesh Academy of Sciences Gold Medal award. He also won several awards for his academic and research achievements from a number of institutions home and abroad.

IUB holds talk on World Mental Health

The School of Public Health of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised a public talk on World Mental Health on October 1, 2015 at IUB campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka.

Dr. Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Bir Bikram, Energy Advisor to the Prime Minister attended the programme as the chief guest. Prof. Vikram Patel, Professor, Public Health Foundation of India, delivered the keynote speech. Dr. Shamim Matin Chowdhury, Founder Chairperson of Beautiful Bangladesh and Dr. Atif Rahman, Professor of Child Psychiatry, University of Liverpool, UK, spoke as special guests.

Prof. M Omar Rahman, VC, IUB and a renowned psychiatrist delivered the welcome speech. Rashed Chowdhury, Chairman, BOT, IUB also spoke on the occasion.

Prof. Patel mentioned that stigma is the main problem regarding our efforts to improve the condition of mental health. There is a myth that it is not a health condition at all, it is just the misery of life.

"We have to change our attitude to improve the situation," he mentioned.

The talk was followed by a Q&A session. Trustees, members of faculty and management and a good number of students attended the event.



Orientation Programme of Fall 2015 held at UIU

A two-day long programme was held for the newly admitted students of Fall 2015 trimester at the UIU Auditorium. Newly admitted students in the School of Business & Economics and School of Science and Engineering participated in the colourful orientation programme.

UIU VC Prof. Dr. M. Rezwan Khan, presided over the ceremonies while Pro-VC Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman; Adviser Prof. Dr. Golam Rahman; Dean, School of Business & Economics, Prof. Dr. Md. Musa; Head, Dept. of Economics, Prof. Dr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury; Registrar Prof. A.S.M. Salahuddin; Head, Dept. of CSE, Dr. Salekul Islam; Director of Students Affairs, Suman Ahmed spoke at the programme. Treasurer, heads of different departments, teachers, guardians, students and the invited guests were present.

The speakers said at the orientation programme that providing quality education is the prime concern of the university. The speakers also advised the students to be more attentive to their academic studies to face the challenges of 21st century.

Annual Photo Contest held at ULAB



University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) organised a prize giving ceremony of the Annual Photo Contest on October 8, 2015 at its Campus A in Dhanmondi. A photo exhibition was held on October 7-8, 2015 consisting of photographs taken and submitted by the ULAB students.

Every year, ULAB organises a theme based photo contest to encourage its students to be actively engaged in this skill-based form of art. From the photographs submitted, judges from ULAB select 12 photos for the ULAB calendar each year. This year, the theme of the photo contest was "Portrait".

Prof. Milan Kumar Bhattacharjee, Treasurer, ULAB, inaugurated the exhibition. In the afternoon Head of Media Studies and Journalism (MSJ) and one of the judges Dr. Jude William Genilo welcomed everyone to the prize giving ceremony where Prof. Imran Rahman, VC of ULAB handed over the certificates to the winners.

M.R. Rana, student of MSJ department, won the first prize for his photograph titled "Color Me Beauty". Mamudul Hasan, student of BBA department, won second prize for his photograph titled "Sporting Fun" and Md. Raihanur Rahman, student of MSJ department won third prize for his photograph titled "Color of Happiness".

Monash University to help rural Bangladesh gain mobile access

Monash University and Oxfam Bangladesh are collaborating on a five-year development project worth USD 3.86 million that will give over 20,000 farmers in Bangladesh access to a mobile information system that will propel them towards economic stability and empowerment. This project is led by Dr. Larry Stillman from the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University, and delivered through Oxfam Bangladesh.

The goal of the project is "to establish a two-way interactive text/voice system". "Not only will the system answer questions, but it could also send targeted notifications of issues such as rising river heights or insect infestations. Given the limited literacy, and the power of the phone as voice device, voice interactivity will be an important part of the project," Dr. Stillman said.

Critical to the project is the community involvement, particularly women in determining their information needs and priority in conjunction with experts, rather than experts deciding what is important.

Snehal Soneji, Country Director of Oxfam Bangladesh said the project provides a great opportunity for Oxfam in Bangladesh to explore innovative ways to enhance community information exchange, and support communities in the country to lift themselves out of poverty, with women playing a leading role.

Orientation of MBA Students at UU

School of Business of Uttara University arranged an orientation programme for MBA Students, Fall-2015 on October 9, 2015. The programme was presided by Prof. Dr. Nazrul Islam, the Dean of School of Business. In the programme, the chief guest was Prof. Dr. Azizur Rahman, VC of UU. The special guests were Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Pro-VC; Prof. Faez M. Serajul Hoque, Advisor; Prof. Mamtaz Begum, Treasurer, and Kazi Mohiuddin, Registrar.

The guests delivered their valuable speech regarding the MBA programme where they emphasised on discipline, smartness, manner and devotion towards studies. Kazi Tareq Ullah, the Chairman of the Department of Business Administration, welcomed the guests, the faculty members and the freshers. The programme was conducted by Md. Mohedul Islam, coordinator of BBA Programme, UU.