

# YOUTH VOICE OF BANGLADESH Holds career workshop in Chittagong

## Corporate icons in a dialogue with 550 university students

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Youth Voice of Bangladesh (YVB) organised its mass career workshop titled "Corpo-Route Key" with 550 students from different public and private universities at Hotel Agrabad, Chittagong on March 12. The career workshop was attended by corporate icons from six multinational companies in the country.

The key personnel from the multinational companies included Rubaba Dowla, Chief Service Officer, Airtel; Asif Touhid, Chief Procurement Officer, Grameenphone; SM Khaled, Supply Chain Director, British American Tobacco; Javed Akhter, Brand Building Director, Unilever; Hemi Hossain, Founding Director, Careers Club Australia; Emma Hart, HR Capability Specialist, Careers Club Australia. Also present were Chandan Poudyal, Careers Club Australia; M Nayeem Hossain, President, Alumni Association of North South University (AANSU) and Professor Farid A. Sobhani, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC).

The event commenced at 2:30 pm with



the opening speech from the YVB Chittagong City President Munira Tareque Khondakar and ended with the closing speech from the Chairman of YVB, Barrister Tareque Akbar Khondakar. Barrister Tareque said, "This event is the first of its kind in Chittagong and I hope that YVB will be holding more such events in the upcoming months for the benefit of

the students."

The speakers shared their knowledge, ideas and views regarding the ways to have a successful career in the corporate world. After each speaker's speech, the participants were given 20 minutes to ask any career-related question. One of the participants named Habib Foysal from the University of Chittagong said that he has

acquired much practical knowledge from this workshop regarding his upcoming career. He also expressed that this type of workshop should be arranged at a regular basis to give proper career guidelines to the fresh graduates as well as the undergraduates.

During the event, CV booths were available from the companies that included Airtel, Unilever, Grameenphone, British American Tobacco, BRAC and Careers Club Australia. Certificates of attendance were provided to the participants of the event.

It is mentionable that YVB is one of the largest youth development organisations in Bangladesh that is working on youth leadership and awareness. Since its inception in 2013, it has arranged over 80 social events with the enthusiastic participation of young volunteers from various renowned public and private universities. Some of the recent events were: YVB Medical Camp in January 2016 treating 500 patients, YVB Winter Salvation-3 last December where more than 500 students participated in door-to-door blanket distribution, and Youth Summit last November.

# THE PERFECT CLASSROOM

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Have you ever walked into a classroom and something just didn't feel right? Maybe the lights were shining too bright or the air conditioning made the room drafty? Almost all of us have, at one point, imagined the perfect classroom for us to take selfies in with a book open somewhere nearby. Let's take a look at some of the things we've all wished for.

**Smart-boards:** To be fair, almost all of us already have these touch-screen boards in our classrooms now but I remember the days when I used to get all excited about projectors and boards like these.

My friends and I used ours the first time to recreate one of those "90's MS paint bad-boys" that everyone apparently drew. Ah yes, good technologically challenged times.

**Teachers with a lot of stories:** They will drone on and on, but the best part is, you can keep them happy by just laughing a bit at inappropriate times and make them feel like they're really funny. Maybe give them a round of applause when they say something even with the slightest tinge of pride. They wouldn't even mind you chatting away with your friends at the back. Best kind of teacher apart from those that actually want to make you

learn stuff.

**Non-smelly bathrooms:** I know it sounds gross, but I have yet to find a hygienic bathroom attached to a classroom. Most of the credit goes to the canteen food in almost every school. It really does live up to its worldwide reputation of being indigestible mush. The lack of sufficient soap and toilet paper repulses me. Maybe sanitation just isn't one of our schools' main priorities. The colour of our shoes are just so much more important.

**A great view:** Almost all of us have had those days when we kind of disconnect from the class and need a break from the boring old routine. Our parents will never

understand this need for self-contemplation from time to time and send us to school anyway. So the best escape would be to take a seat right next to the window, look out at the beautiful scenery and just zone out. Some of us probably even do this on a daily basis. If the view from the classroom's window is the window of another building's bathroom's window (like the view from my room), it just adds to the list of miseries in class.

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