

UIU receives Intersolar Award 2016 in Germany

Director, Centre for Energy Research of United International University, Shariar Ahmed Chowdhury received the Intersolar Award 2016 in the category of "Outstanding Solar Projects" in Munich, Germany as the team leader for the award winning research project "Pilot PV DC Peer-to-Peer Smart Village Grid". The research team was formed by experts from UIU and ME SOLshare Ltd. of Bangladesh, Technical University of Berlin and Ulm University of Applied Sciences, Germany and University of California at Berkeley, USA.

The "Intersolar Award" is considered as the most prestigious award in the solar industry of the world. Chowdhury is the first Bangladeshi to receive the award.

The pilot research project at Shariatpur, Bangladesh is the world's first peer-to-peer network to allow energy to be shared between private solar installations. The research project was co-funded by World Bank and IDCOL, implemented by SOLshare and is operated by UBOMUS at Shakimali Matborkandi village in Shener Char Union of Jajira Upazila, Shariatpur.



AIUB organises Cyber Gaming Festival 2016

American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) organised AIUB Cyber Gaming Festival 2016 on July 27-28, 2016 at the AIUB premises. More than 500 students from 256 schools and colleges registered online for the event. Among them more than 250 students from 200 schools and colleges were selected to participate in this event. Participants competed in FIFA16, NFS Most Wanted and CS:GO.

The event was inaugurated by the Pro-VC, Prof. Dr. Charles C. Villanueva. He was accompanied by the Director of Faculty of Science and Information Technology Mashour Rahman, Director, PR, Legal & Int'l Affairs Md. Lutfar Rahman, Director of

Student Affairs (OSA) Manzur H Khan, Asst. Director, Public Relations Abu Mia Akanda (Tuhin), Head of Computer Science (Undergraduate Programme) Dr. Dip Nandi, Head of Computer Science (Postgraduate Programme) Dr. Tabin Hasan, Asst. Professor & Special Assistant (OSA) Abhijit Bhowmik, Asst. Professor & Special Assistant (OSA) Sharfuddin Mahmood, Asst. Professor & Advisor of AIUB Computer Club (ACC) Md. Saef Ullah Miah and the faculty members of the department and the participants of the school and colleges.

The fest was arranged by AIUB Computer Club (ACC) and sponsored by ASUS.

BRACU holds Residential Semester Day at Savar Campus

On Saturday, July 30, 2016 students who spent the Summer 2016 semester at BRAC University, Savar Campus as part of their Residential Semester participated in an interactive session with a distinguished guest, Shammi Shawkat Quddus, Member of the Research Transparency team at MIT's Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL).

As an undergraduate in 2008, Shammi co-founded BYLC's (Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center's) flagship programme "Building Bridges through Leadership Training". She won the Davis Projects for Peace Prize and an MIT Public Service Fellowship which provided seed funding for the pilot programme that has since grown to the premier leadership institute we know today as BYLC.

Shammi told students how from a high school graduate from Chittagong, just because of ambition and willingness to go out of her comfort zone she was able to pursue her undergraduate degree in Environmental Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. Each day she worked hard to shape herself and to get out of her comfort zone, took new challenges and developed leadership skill to become a confident individual.

She is now a dual-degree graduate student at the Harvard Kennedy School and Stanford Graduate School of Business where she is pursuing an MPA/ID (Masters in Public Administration/International Development) and an MBA respectively. She advised students to plan for their lives early and to make the best use of their university life.

On the other hand, students shared their wonderful experience at Savar Campus. The Residential Semester (RS) at Savar is aimed to teach students things like diversity, good governance, history and culture, and encourages students to engage in debate, recitation, cultural activities, sports, yoga, indoor games, etc.

ASAUB Business Club holds discussion programme on pharmaceutical industries

Business Club of ASA University Bangladesh (ASAUB) organised a discussion programme titled "Perspective of Pharmaceuticals Industries in Bangladesh" on July 23, 2016 at university premises. M. Mosaddek Hossain, Managing Director of Unihealth Ltd. was present as the keynote speaker in the programme. Prof. Dr. Dalem Ch. Barman, VC of ASAUB, Prof. Iqbal Ahmad, Dean, Faculty of Business, Prof. Dr. Kohinur Begum, Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering were

present in the seminar and delivered their speeches. Faculty members and students from Pharmacy and Business Administration Dept. were also present in the seminar.

In their speeches, speakers highlighted the present condition of pharmaceuticals industry in Bangladesh. They also gave their valuable suggestions on how Bangladesh can capture the international pharmaceutical markets.

EWU arranges voluntary blood donation programme

East West University (EWU) Rotaract Club arranged a voluntary blood donation programme on July 27, 2016 at the EWU premise, Aftabnagar, Dhaka. The programme was inaugurated by the Chairperson of the BOT, EWU and former governor of the Bangladesh Bank, Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin along with the VC of EWU, Prof. Dr. MM Shahidul Hassan.

On this occasion, they appreciated the students of Rotaract Club for taking this kind of noble initiative. They said, students should be engaged with this

kind of work and that will develop their humanity and patriotism. The moderators of EWU Rotaract Club, Chowdhury Omar Sharif and Mizanur Rashid Rupak and the members of the EWU Rotaract Club were also present on the occasion.

Students from different departments attended the campaign to donate blood and nearly 100 units of blood were collected during the day-long programme. The Bangladesh Thalassemia Foundation provided the technical assistance for blood collection.