

AIUB hosts workshop on Right to Information Act

The Department of Media and Mass Communication (MMC) of American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) organised a workshop on Right to Information Act in association with the Information Commission, Bangladesh on October 17, 2016 at the Media Studio of AIUB.

Chief Information Commissioner, Prof. Dr. M Golam Rahman was present as the chief guest. Secretary of The Information Commission, Md. Rafiquzzaman, and Deputy Director of the commission were also present at the programme. The session started with a welcome speech by the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Tazul Islam, while the advisor of the Department of Media and Mass Communication, Dr. A J M Shafiul Alam Bhuiyan, chaired the programme. Afroja Shoma, lecturer of the MMC Department acted as the moderator.

The goal of this workshop is to introduce the students with the implication and importance of the RTI Act in everyday life. The students are expected to be better informed to use the RTI act to strengthen the democracy and to make the government accountable to the people.

EU awards scholarships to 25 students

The Annual Scholarship Awarding Programme 2015 organised by Eastern University (EU) was held on October 24, 2016 at the EU Seminar Hall. Members of the BOT of EU sponsor these funds for needy and meritorious students of the university. A total of 25 students were awarded scholarships for their excellence in academic performances in 2015. Till date, the university has disbursed BDT 35 crore in scholarships and financial aid to students.

Abdul Matlub Ahmad, President, The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) was present as the chief guest. Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab, VC of EU presided over the function while Chairman of the BOT of EU, Md. Azizul Islam was present as the special guest. Engr. Khandaker Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Mohammed Ali Azzam, Members of BOT, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Pro-VC, Treasurer, Registrar spoke on the occasion. Prof. Dr. ABM Shahidul Islam, Member of BOT, Deans, Controller of Exam, scholarship recipient students and their guardians, teachers and officials of EU were present in the ceremony.

RCE Greater Dhaka Annual Meeting at IUBAT

The 2016 Annual meeting of Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Greater Dhaka was held in IUBAT Conference Hall on October 24, 2016. The day was the United Nations Day and this year's theme was "Taking initiatives to promote SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals". Sun Lei, Education Specialist of UNESCO was the chief guest. The meeting was presided over by VC (Acting) of IUBAT, Prof. Mahmuda Khanum.

Special guests of the meeting were Prof. Dr. Shohidullah Miah, Director of College of Agricultural Sciences, Prof. Dr. MA Rahman, Co-ordinator of RCE Greater Dhaka, advisors of Youth Forum RCE Greater Dhaka Dr. MR Dastagir, Laila Habib, Dr. MA Salam and members of RCE Greater Dhaka Youth Forum. Among the partners of RCE Greater Dhaka, Ahsan Rony, President of Green Savers and Nazif Yealmy, President of Change attended the meeting.

ULAB organises Fall 2016 Club Day

ULAB Co-curricular Office of University Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) organised the Fall 16 Club Day on October 27, 2016. The programme opened with an instrumental version of the National Anthem. Dr. Pinki Shah, Coordinator ULAB Co-Curricular Office, Associate Professor, ULAB School of Business, delivered the welcome speech. Acting VC of ULAB, Prof. Imran Rahman conveyed the opening speech of the event followed by the distribution of Co-curricular office News Letter, Snapshots for the Fall 2016.

For this club day, the ULAB Co-curricular Office organised a few games and several clubs placed stalls at the Campus-A Lobby where there was an information booth, food corner, handicrafts and jewelry shops, project showcasing, Sustainable Development Club stall and a ULAB YES stall.

Sanskriti Sangshad delivered a compelling feat by bringing out the spirit of the Bangladeshi folk music. Theatre ULAB and Nutrition and Wellness Club soon followed to portray their drama show. After a great dance performance by Rubi, Rafia, Ratri and Arnob, there was a ukulele performance by Lvin, Samira and Anik and the ULAB Debating Club was next with a debate performance. The second segment of the programme was a rock concert which took place after a short lunch break.

NSU duo receive Best Paper Award

Muntasir Murshed, a recent economics graduate of NSU, and Dr. Sakib Bin Amin, a faculty of School of Business and Economics, received the "Best Paper Award" out of 65 top quality research papers that were presented at the International Conference for Bankers and Academics (ICBA) 2016 held on September 25-26 at Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM). The conference was organised jointly by Australian Academy of Business and Social Science and BIBM. Their paper was captioned "An Empirical Investigation of Foreign Aid and Dutch Disease in Bangladesh" and is to be published in the coveted Journal of Developing Areas (JDA) under the Tennessee State University, USA.

UODA holds seminar on Case-based Teaching Method

A seminar on "Case-based Teaching Method" was held at the University of Development Alternative (UODA). Siddique Hayat Khan, Assistant Professor of the Business Faculty, presented the keynote paper and Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Emajuddin Ahamed chaired the seminar.

A case is a record of a business issue which actually has been faced by business executives, together with surrounding facts, opinions, and prejudices upon which the executives had to depend. A case may consist of data presented in pure texts, numbers, charts, or in any combination of these. Through a case, a teacher attempts to simulate a real-world situation in the classroom.

Traditional teaching method encourages students to memorize lessons without understanding the concepts and their application. Most students completely fail to retain what they have learned during the 4-year BBA programme. As opposed to that case-based method helps students relate theories with real-world situations. Khan stressed on using case in all courses offered in the BBA programme. The VC thanked the speaker and encouraged all faculty members to work collaboratively in developing cases.

National Investment Competition at UIU



UIU Finance Forum, a wing of the UIU Career Counseling Center has successfully organised "The Stockers Game" – 1st National Investment Competition. It is a stock market-based competition designed to develop the investment skills of Bangladeshi students. It is aimed to produce a young real-time investment analyst as their demand is increasing in the economy. The prize giving ceremony was held at UIU Auditorium. Prof. Dr. M. Rezwan Khan, VC, UIU presided over the ceremonies while Md. Nasir Uddin Chowdhury, Managing Director, Lanka Bangla Finance Limited and Asad Khan, Managing Director, Prime Finance Ltd. were present as the guests of honour.

Ninety teams from 28 public and private universities took part in the competition. The champion team was "The Silence of The Lambdas" from Dhaka University. The 1st runner-up was "Monte Carlo" from North South University and the 2nd runner-up was "Dhurbro" from Dhaka University. The champion team received BDT 30,000, with BDT 20,000 and BDT 10,000 respectively for the runner-ups.

Young Bangladeshi wins Asian Environmental Journalism Award



Sohara Mehroze Shachi is the first Bangladeshi to win the Asian Environmental Journalism Award. Her commendable work on environmental activism enabled her become the Young Environmental Journalist of 2016. She is among the 10 Journalists and Media Organisations who have been recognised for their expansive effort to address environmental issues.

A Yale graduate, Sohara kicked off her journalistic work with the Yale Daily News as a beat reporter. Last year she was one of the 11 youth writers (and the only Bangladeshi) chosen from 2000 international applicants for the prestigious GCCA Climate Tracker fellowship to attend COP 21 in Paris. Her writings on climate change have found their way into many international publications including Thomson Reuters, DW, Huffington Post as well as national publications The Daily Star, The Financial Express, New Age and Dhaka Tribune.