

BRACU Business School organises research seminar on academic supply chain management

BRAC University (BRACU) continued to pursue research-based innovations and applications with its BRAC Business School (BBS) on March 9, 2017, organising a research seminar on "Academic Supply Chain Management: An Integrated Tertiary Educational Supply Chain Management (ITESCM) Model" at the BRACU Auditorium.

Addressing the programme as the chief guest, BRACU VC Prof. Dr. Syed Saad Andaleeb PhD pointed out that research papers from Bangladesh accounted for only 0.2 percent of that in the world and only 0.1 percent of it was downloaded.

However, agricultural research was twice as much, he said quoting SCOPUS, an abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature.

The keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Md Mamun Habib, Associate Professor of BBS and Editor-in-Chief of International Journal of Supply Chain Management (IJSCM) which is SCOPUS Indexed. He used the ITESCM model to explain the evolution of the academic supply chain management from basic supply chain models in real life applications of the manufacturing and service industry.

The research seminar was a precursor to the 1st



International Conference on Business and Management (ICBM 2017), scheduled to be organised by BBS at BRACU on September 21-22 in Dhaka.

BBS Dean Prof. Dr. Iftekhar Ghani Chowdhury chaired the research seminar, attended by eminent academicians including Prof. Dr. Mirza Azizul Islam and Prof. Rahim B. Talukdar PhD, an adviser of Centre for Entrepreneurship Development of BRACU.

The seminar ended through a lively Q/A session.



IUB observes International Women's Day 2017

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) observed International Women's Day 2017 upholding this year's theme, "Be bold for change". The day was marked through different events and activities at IUB's own campus in Bashudhara, Dhaka.

To observe International Women's Day in befitting manner, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS), IUB arranged programmes where Prof. M. Omar Rahman, VC, IUB was present as the chief guest. In his speech, Prof. Rahman said, "Since its inception in 1993, IUB is extending all-out support for the female students so that they can materialise their dreams and be empowered to prosper the nation." Pointing out the socio-economic scenario of Bangladesh where dowry, acid throwing, women trafficking, etc. are very common, Prof. Milan Pagon, Pro-VC of IUB emphasised on the importance of celebrating this day. Dr. Mahub Alam, Dean of SLASS delivered the welcome speech. Among others, Towhid Bin Muzaffar, Head, Department of English and Modern Languages; G. M. Shahidul Alam, Head, Department of Media and Communication; Dr. Talim Hossain, Head, Department of Social Science and Humanities; Dr. Imtiaz A. Hussain, Head, Global Studies and Governance Program; Prof. Niaz Zaman, PhD, Advisor, Department of English and Modern Languages; and Razia Sultana Khan, PhD, Professor, Department of English and Modern Languages also spoke on the occasion. A huge attraction of this programme was the exclusive performance of traditional Dhamail musical dance performed by a group from Srimangal.

To celebrate the day, another program was jointly organised by the School of Life Sciences and the Office of the Vice Chancellor that screened Oscar-nominated film 'Hidden Figures'. The film highlights the contribution of African-American female mathematicians who worked at NASA.

NSU hosts Economics Conference 2017



The Department of Economics of North South University (NSU) organised a two-day long conference titled "Economics Conference 2017" on March 12-13, 2017. "Bangladesh towards Upper Middle Income Country Status: Challenges and Opportunities" was the main theme of the conference.

The opening ceremony of the programme ended successfully with Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Economic Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister as the chief guest of the conference. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Lead Economist, The World Bank attended the programme as the special guest along with Prof. Atiqul Islam, VC, NSU as session chair, Prof. G. U. Ahsan, Pro-VC (designate), NSU, Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Treasurer, NSU, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Mahboob Rahman, Dean, School of Business and Economics, NSU as special guests. Prof. M. Ismail Hossain, Chairman, Department of Economics, NSU delivered the welcome speech at the conference.

ULAB organises workshop on haiku

The first Bangladeshi poet to bring out authoritative collections on the traditional Japanese form, Quamrul Hassan, recently conducted a workshop on haiku at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).

Organised by the Department of English and Humanities and Paper Canoe (ULAB Literary Society), the workshop was attended by more than 20 haiku enthusiasts.

Paper Canoe adviser, Sarker Hasan Al Zayed opened the workshop followed by Quamrul Hassan's demonstration on various technicalities of a successful haiku.

The immensely interactive workshop included an account of the personal pitfalls experienced by a novice haiku practitioner. The second part of the workshop required the participants to write haikus on a given theme. The poems produced during the creative session went through rigorous scanning by both the facilitator and the members present.

Inspired by the success of the workshop, ULAB decided to float a haiku competition for its students. The best five haikus will be published in The Daily Observer and MUSE - the mouthpiece of ULAB Students of English.

The Head of the Department, Prof. Shamsad Mortuza gave the concluding remarks and the vote of thanks.

BVCL signs MoU with start-ups run by DIU students

To create and encourage new entrepreneurs, Bangladesh Venture Capital (BVCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding investment for expanding their business as equity partner with two organisations run by DIU students named "NM Clothing" and "Foodi-Fi" on March 8, 2017 at the meeting room of Daffodil Business Incubator.

Md. Jahir Uddin, Company Secretary, BVCL, Kaiser Hamid, Proprietor of MN Clothing and Ahiduzzaman

Roky, Proprietor of Foodi-Fi signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organisations. Kaiser Hamid is a student of Textile Engineering Department and Ahiduzzaman Roky is a student of Entrepreneurship Department.

Golam Monowar Kamal, Director, Md. Rashadul Islam, Coordinator, Md. Shahab Uddin, Accountant of BVCL and other high officials were present at the MoU signing ceremony.

BVCL is an investment organisation for start-up entrepreneurs. Currently it is working with eight ventures.