



Bangladeshi Student and Professor Win Malaysian Award for Innovation

Tasnim Mahub, a recent graduate of mechatronics engineering from the International Islamic University of Malaysia, was awarded Silver Medal for Invention and Innovation at the Malaysian Technological Expo 2017 held on February 16-18, 2017, organised by Malaysian Association of Research Scientists (MARS) which is endorsed by the Government of Malaysia. She invented an "Automatic Onion Peeling Machine" under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Md. Raisuddin Khan.

The invention has been applied for a patent in Malaysia. Her undergraduate final year project was selected by her university to be showcased in the abovementioned event, where projects are usually submitted by Masters and PhD students. The invention impressed the judges and visitors alike and drew attention of several investors. It was an international exhibition that was organised to display technology developed by people from Japan, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, etc.

Tasnim Mahub is also a recipient of The Daily Star Awards for excellence in academic results in O Level (2010) and A Level (2012) examinations. She is the eldest daughter of Capt. Mahub of Biman Bangladesh Airlines and married to Abdul Hamid Mehdi, First Officer.

CORPORATE ICONS IN CONVERSATION WITH 1000 STUDENTS

2ND CORPORATE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP BY YVB

RUDANA TASMIN RAHMAN

The concern for youth development and leadership has driven Youth Voice of Bangladesh (YVB) to conduct its 2nd corporate leadership workshop titled "Corpo Route Key 2". This time, it came out better and louder. Accommodating 1000 students from different universities of Dhaka, Chittagong, Noakhali, Jessore and Gopalganj with much enthusiasm and energy, the event was successfully organised at Krishibid Institute of Bangladesh (KIB) Auditorium in Dhaka. The career workshop was brightened by the vibrant presence of corporate icons, including Solaiman Shukhon, Head of Marketing, Aamra Networks Ltd; Rafiath Rashid Mithila, Program Manager: Education, BRAC International; Ayman Sadiq, Founder and CEO, 10 Minutes School; Prito Reza, Photographer and Director, Prito Reza Productions. The special

guest at the event was Mushfiq Hasan, Student Advising Outreach Coordinator at US Embassy Dhaka.

Chairman of YVB, Barrister Tareque Akbar Khondakar, inaugurated "Corpo-Route Key 2" with a welcoming speech. Speakers at the event engaged with the young participants with fresh ideas and energy. After the speeches, the floor was open to questions from the crowd, to which each speaker articulated their answers to precision. The participants were thrilled to have received the deliverance of the prominent speakers present. They expressed their will to attend more of such career leadership workshops. The series of events all throughout the workshop was of great benefit to the senior-year students and fresh graduates as they were highly motivated and informed of different strategies and ways to own in order to reach their goals.



BUBT observes 47th Independence and National Day 2017

Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) observed the 47th Independence and National Day 2017 of Bangladesh with various day-long programmes. BUBT arranged a discussion session and cultural programme in BUBT Campus Hall Room on March 29, 2017.

AKM Mozammel Haque MP, Minister of Liberation War Affairs, was present as chief guest. AFM Sarwar Kamal, Chairman of BUBT Trust and Prof. Dr. Shafique Ahmed Siddique, educationist, convener of BUBT Academic Advisory Committee and Member of BUBT Trust were present as special guests. Prof. Md. Abu Saleh, VC of BUBT, presided over the programme. A crest and a gold medal was presented to the chief guest in recognition of his contribution in the liberation war of 1971.

Trustee Board Members, Treasurer, Deans of the various Faculties, Registrar, Chairmen of the various Departments, faculty members, officials, and students were also present in the occasion.

AIUB Premier League T20 Cricket Tournament 2017 begins

American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) organised the AIUB Premier League T20 Cricket Tournament 2017 from March 28, at the Gulshan Youth Club Ground. The Pro-VC of AIUB, Prof. Dr. Charles C. Villanueva inaugurated the tournament. Among others, Director (Office of Student Affairs) Manzur H. Khan, Director (Finance & Accounts) Khondaker Sabbir Mohd. Kabir, and other faculty members and officials were also present at the ceremony.

A total of 12 teams from different departments of AIUB are taking part in the tournament under different names, such as Faculty Falcons, BBA Beacons, Electrifying EEE, CS Cyclone, EEE Electrons, BBA Bravers, CS Challengers, BBA Burners, Majestic Masters, EEE Eagles, and Archi Avatars. In the opening day of this 10-day long tournament, Archi Avatars defeated EEE Eagles by 3 wickets and CS Cyclone defeated EEE Electrons by 32 runs.

The final match of the tournament will be held on April 11, 2017 at same venue which will be followed by a prize distribution ceremony.

Nobel laureate delivers special lecture on GMOs at NSU

North South University organised a special public lecture by Nobel Laureate Sir Richard J. Roberts on March 29, 2017 at the NSU Auditorium with the objective to promote the research and health science at the highest level of excellence in order to inspire faculty members, researchers and students worldwide.

Sir Richard J. Roberts was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1993 and was knighted in 2008. He pioneered the application of computers in genomics. Dr. Roberts has published over 300 papers and has more than 10 patents. He is one of the three leaders of the Computational Bridges to Experiments (COMBEX) project. Moreover, Sir Roberts joined the International Advisory Board (IAB) of NSU in 2016.



The event was chaired by VC Prof. Atiqul Islam. An opening remark was delivered by Pro-VC (Designate), Prof. Dr. G.U. Ahsan. The Chairman, BOT, also imparted a few words for the audience. NSU is planning to launch the first ever genome research institute in the history of Bangladesh. Being the

pioneer of genome research, it would be a successful landmark to facilitate research and innovation as well set an example for others to follow.

During this lecture, Sir Roberts emphasised on how Genetically

Modified Organisms (GMO) are crucial for agricultural growth in developing countries like Bangladesh. He suggested that GMOs are essential for breeding and developing new crops and also for enhancing disease control in human, animals and agricultural crops.

EWU ORGANISES CONFERENCE ON "LOW AGE AT MARRIAGE IN BANGLADESH"

East West University Center for Research and Training (EWUCRT), with assistance of University Grants Commission (UGC) and Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), organised a national conference on March 28, 2017 on "Low Age at Marriage in Bangladesh: Myth or Reality", where the keynote presenters were Dr. Peter Kim Streatfield and Dr. Abdur Razzaque from International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) along with Associate Professor Dr. Kamrul Islam from Department of Population Science, University of Dhaka. The conference was chaired by Chairperson of CRT and Member of EWU Trustee Board, Dr. Rafiqul Huda Chaudhury. Researchers, teachers and students from different faculties participated in the conference.

The prevailing low age at marriage in Bangladesh is not in tune with its human development achievement measured in terms of reduction of poverty, fertility, infant/child mortality, maternal mortality, improvement of average income, life expectancy at birth and educational attainment, particularly gender parity in education. This is attributed to the fact that girls understate their age at marriage than their actual age by at least 2 years, as found in a study conducted by Dr. Peter Kim Streatfield in ICDDR,B programme villages of Matlab upazila, Chandpur.