

A NIGHT OF EXUBERANCE

Sunnydale School stages "The Merchant of Venice"

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"With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come."

The famous words adorned the entrance to the auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on October 9, 2017, where William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" was staged by the students of Sunnydale School. The myriad of colours and an auditorium filled to the brim with audience underlined what was a brave and commendable effort at a classic play.

The play was staged by the Middle Section 2, consisting of classes VI and VII students while the teachers and staff administered the behind-the-curtain arrangements. The entirety of the play was brought together in about 2 months where the students pulled off after-class hours to prepare for the play under the direction of Kazi Toufiqul Islam Emon. When asked about what brought the play to fruition, he mentioned, "At Sunnydale we try to arrange cultural programmes such as this almost every year. Last time, we performed 'Alice in Wonderland' and from the experience gathered we're attempting this Shakespearean classic."

The most commendable part of the play was perhaps how dedicated and earnest each and every one of the young cast was on the stage. From the well choreographed dance routines, to the heightened court drama, to the test for the hand of Portia - the play was a treat even for the neutral observer. A special shoutout goes to Anonno Sayed Haq and Ishraq Kabir Desh who played the Prince of Morocco and Prince of Aragon respectively



and delivered an astounding comedic performance.

Aproteem Majumder, one of the standout actors on the stage as Antonio, believed the credit was due to his school. In his words, "I want to thank my school for the opportunity, and my teachers for guiding us through it. This was my second performance and I look forward to what comes next". It was the first time on stage for young Neeyar Hasan too, the actor behind the role of Salerino. When asked about his experience, he said, "It is quite scary when you think about it. But once you get on that stage, the acting just comes naturally".

The occasion ended with a special speech from the

Principal of Sunnydale School, Tazeen Ahmed, who thanked the parents for their support, teachers for their assistance, the support staff and administration staff for the arrangement and most importantly the students who took time out of their schedule to practice for the play. Also present in the audience was Chairman of Sunnydale School, Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Khan, and special guest Professor Emeritus Dr. Serajul Islam Choudhury.

The night highlighted an occasion of merriment for the observers and one of pride for the students of Sunnydale. The expectation will be set high for them in the coming events.

Raising awareness about law

NILS Bangladesh National Legal Debate '17 at University of Chittagong

A CORRESPONDENT

A 2-day long NILS Bangladesh 1st National Legal Debate Championship was held on October 6-7, 2017 at University of Chittagong with the slogan "Colour your life with law and logic". It was organised by The Network for International Law Students (NILS) Bangladesh Chapter.

With a view to creating youth for upholding law and justice in the society by developing their argumentative skills, sophisticated knowledge and leadership abilities, the competition hosted around 20 law schools from different parts of Bangladesh. Debate team of Premier University -PUDS (Premier University Debating Society) - was awarded champions while the debate team from State University of Bangladesh emerged as runner-up.

Farhan Hasan from Eastern University was awarded Debater of the Tournament and Md. Rofiqul Islam Munna was selected as Debater of the Final of the tournament. The prize giving ceremony was graced by the presence of Professor Dr. Iftexhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of University of Chittagong as the chief guest. In addition, Moshir Rahman, Chief Judicial Magistrate of Chittagong and Sayeed Ahsan Khalid,



Assistant Professor, Department of Law, University of Chittagong were present as the special guests. The ceremony was presided over by Adviser of NILS Bangladesh, Professor ABM Abu Noman, Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Chittagong. Nasrin Sultana, President of NILS Bangladesh provided the inaugural speech to the distinguished guests and participants. Sheikh Habibur Rahman, Vice President (Competition) and in-charge of NILS Bangladesh 1st National Legal Debate Championship 2017

received the memorandum of NILS Bangladesh from the guests.

The competition also works as a union of students from legal background within the country connecting with the same network with same minded people. This reflection is found from a participant's views. Asif Tanvir, a student of North South University, expressed, "I feel privileged after participating in such a big unification of law students. It is a glaring example of an event that included the dedication and hospitality of the

volunteers as well as their empathy. Here, we became a new family of legal debate".

Another participant, Rakibul Shanto, stated, "Congratulations to NILS Bangladesh for their successful completion of the first ever law debate in Bangladesh. From food to photography, transportation to accommodation and decoration - the organisers were relentlessly caring."

From this, a reflection of the success of the event can be easily presumed. The tournament was judged by Chief Adjudicator Shuvro Kumar Pramanik, Ex-President of Stamford Debate Forum; Deputy Chief Adjudicators, namely Mahmudul Hasan Protik, Secretary, Kortali, CUET; Tanvir Ahmed Siddiq, Ex-President, PUDS; Shuvashis Chowdhury, General Secretary, PUDS; Nazmul Hasan Junnun, Ex-Vice President, CUDS; and Kazi Arfat along with other adjudicators from all over Bangladesh.

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