

Kazi IT's Largest Career Bootcamp in Bangladesh



State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak handing over an appointment letter to one of the newly recruited analysts

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With six thousand participants joining from different corners of Bangladesh, Kazi IT hosted the largest career boot camp in Dhaka on November 11, 2017, at Hall of Fame of Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Kazi IT is one of the largest business process outsourcing (BPO) companies in Bangladesh. The aim of the boot camp was to employ business development analyst in an extraordinary recruitment process.

Two months ago, applicants from all across the country participated through an online registration process. A large number of prospective participants were chosen after the initial screening. Finally, twenty contestants belonging to both public and private universities were hired based on their academic and on-the-spot performances. Their English communication skill was assessed with a view to analyse their capability to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people. In addition to this, all the recruited members had to go through two extensive interviews- one over the telephone and the other on stage. The Management Committee, comprised of the CEO, COO, CLO, Head of Training and Head of HR of Kazi IT, employed each contestant with scrutiny and perfection.

Kazi IT hosted this event in collaboration with Leveraging ICT for Growth, Employment & Governance (LIGT) Project of ICT. Along with the exciting activities, industry- leading speakers and career consultants including Quazi M Ahmed, Lead Consultant & CEO, Future Leaders; G Sumdany Don, Chief Inspirational Officer at Don Sumdany Facilitation & Consultancy; Ayman Sadiq, founder and CEO, 10 Minute School; Jishu Tarafder, Chief Consultant at CORPORATECOACH; customer service and business communications trainer Rushdina Khan and many other prominent persons were there to light up the hall.

At the end of the event, Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, the state minister for ICT division joined as the Chief Guest and handed over the appointment letters to the newly recruited analysts. In addition to that, Dr Shahjahan Mahmood, Chairman, BRTC; Sonia Bashir Kabir, Managing Director Microsoft Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Laos; and Wahid Sharif, President, BACCO, attended the closing ceremony as presiding guests.



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Writing Fellowship at Climate Tracker 2018



The best writer will get a chance to attend the climate negotiations in May 2018, which will be held in Bonn, Germany. They will receive training on climate and journalism by Climate Tracker and get to attend the international climate negotiations and meet people from everywhere in the world!

Deadline: December 10, 2017 | Fellowship

Traineeship in Nordic Investment Bank, Finland

The challenges the trainee will face working at NIB are unique, providing valuable experience on an international level. There are some 200 people located in the heart of Helsinki.



Deadline: December 8, 2017 | Miscellaneous

Internship Opportunity at the World Economic Forum in Geneva



The Social Engagement team is looking for an Alumni Intern to support alumni and community development. Comprising three communities (Global Shapers, Young Global Leaders, and the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship), the Social Engagement team engages the next generation of leaders, innovators, and change-makers around the world.

Deadline: Ongoing | Internship

Project Food-banking: Fighting food waste

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One of the brutal scenarios of class distinction in our society is that one group of people has the privilege of wasting food at parties, weddings etc, whereas others starve themselves. Hence, for distributing the leftover food at different events and making sure that we do not waste food, Procheshtha Foundation has taken up an initiative called Project Food-banking.

Ikram Uddin Abir, founder of Procheshtha Foundation, says, "Project Food-banking started in 2016. In our one and a half years of journey, we have gotten calls from 150 weddings and served around 50,000 people. We currently have 50 volunteers working for Project Food-banking. Mostly, we get calls at night, after the event is over."

This initiative works 24 hours a day. Even after midnight, they are available. After an event is over, people call at 01842002023 and let the initiative know the location and amount of food left. Then, volunteers rush to the location and distribute the leftover food to people living in the streets, railway station, slums etc. Also, Project Food-banking does not have any specific area where they work. They take calls from anywhere inside Dhaka. However, currently, it does not work outside of Dhaka.

One of the challenges of running this project is the funding. "Since we do not collect donation for this project, we only collect food, sometimes it becomes difficult to manage the cost of transporta-



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tion," says Ikram Uddin Abir. Sometimes, volunteers get interrogated by the police when they are working at midnight. Yet, the spirit of these people do not demean. They have been working for over a year

now and they wish to continue to do so.

In a densely populated city like Dhaka, food waste is a matter of concern. Therefore, such an initiative is much needed in our city and everyone should

contribute to be a part of the cause.

To contribute, you can call +8801842002023 or visit their page <https://www.facebook.com/prochesta.desh> for more information.



Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) hosted the graduation ceremony for the 15th, 16th, and 17th Building Bridges through Leadership Training programmes, and the 10th Building Bridges through Leadership Training Junior programme at Lakeshore Hotel on Friday, December 1, 2017. Through five different programmes aimed at different age groups, BYLC has been working to build connections amongst youths from different backgrounds and equipping them with leadership skills to enable them to have impact upon Bangladesh's public, private, and civil sectors. In the last nine years, BYLC has trained over 3,000 young people.

Maya Apa now a part of Google Launchpad Accelerator



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Being the first startup from Bangladesh to join the programme, Maya Apa, a crowdsource that answers to anonymous user questions on topics such as healthcare and legal issues, has been selected to join the 5th class of Google Launchpad Accelerator. Supported by BRAC and the ICT Division of Bangladesh, the Maya Apa startup hopes to encourage more local startups to apply and take part in the programme in future.