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ARE YOU READY FOR CHANGE?

Coffee with Mentor, Session 2

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Vales, eco-system and the market change with time. It is important to understand how one's skill and passion will be beneficial with the changing phenomenon. On the second session of Coffee with Mentor, enthusiast participants from different universities learnt this very crucial lesson from none other than mentor Sabbir Hasan Nasir, Executive Director, ACI Logistics Ltd. (Shwapno).

After the first successful session of Coffee with Mentor, an initiative taken by Star Youth, The Daily Star, in partnership with Gloria Jean's Coffees, the second session took place on January 31, 2018, at the Gloria Jean's Coffees café located in Gulshan 2, Dhaka. The second session, too, was proved to be a fruitful one for the eight selected participants.

Sabbir Hasan Nasir talked about his zeal to make the system beautiful. He believes



he needs to be ready to survive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. In order to do that, he has decided to complete an executive programme on management, innovation, and technology from MIT. Through his versatility he has inspired the young participants to embark on a journey of endless learning.

Young participants also learnt the art of negotiation in this session. They learnt the importance of a changed attitude towards negotiation. Also, network is equally crucial. In this era, where products are being transformed into platforms, young minds can do a lot of things through networking. These young minds, who come from

different backgrounds, asked multiple questions to the mentor to clear their doubts regarding career and passion. One of them asked, to what extent our tendency to give more importance to a secure future than innovation is hampering us.

The mentor thinks, without innovation, surviving is impossible. Hence, he believes it is harming us to a great extent. However, Sabbir Hasan Nasir is quite hopeful of this generation. He says, "Your generation is different. You have a destructive kind of energy. Millennials are pragmatic and deliver things fast. I want to recruit Millennials."

The session ended with mentor Nasir giving the participants an exercise to help them find a word that drives them. According to him, this word will guide them towards a career path that is most fitted to their personality. The session, thus, ended on a positive note and offered an impactful discussion.



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Microsoft Young Bangla Internship 2018

The internship programme with Microsoft Bangladesh aims to provide students and ICT enthusiasts with short-term placements. As of now, 350 Young Bangla members, including 50 award winners, have received internships with Microsoft Bangladesh.



Deadline: Ongoing | Internship

Roundtable: Analytics for Public Good

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On January 18, 2018, WebAble Digital arranged "Analytics to Improve Public Service" co-hosted by The Daily Star, a roundtable discussion with public service specialists to initiate the conversation on analytics and how measuring efforts will help realise a "Digital Bangladesh" that can lead to a better quality of public service.

"Though it may sound like a daunting challenge, in reality, it could be as simple as solving for a single metric," explains Malinda Senanayake, Founder of the Analytics Movement, in his keynote presentation. "We need to implement mechanisms to monitor very simple metrics and not spend a lot of money in the process," he argued while demonstrating that the best way to improve the academic performance of school students was by monitoring their emotional engagement in the classroom with simple pen-and-paper surveys.

Amongst the roundtable speakers were Shadab Mahbub, Managing Director, Ether Technologies; Sawsan Eskander, Chief Innovation Officer, Praava Health; Jannat Adib Chowdhury, Manager, Capitalisation and External Relations, Swisscontact-Katalyst; Major SK Abu Mahadi (ret'd); Parveen S Huda, Project Manager, BRAC University; Rubayat



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Khan, JEEON; Farzeen Ferdous Alam, OGGRO Ventures; A K Osman Haruni, Senior Advisor, Food and Nutrition Security, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Mir Sakib, Cramstack; Mainul Hasan Alin, UniCap Securities Limited; and Nayeema Reza, Maya Apa.

The roundtable participants agreed that, as the world enters into the era of digital transformation with limited resources, one has to learn to prioritise every challenge by adopting a transparent, agile and data driven approach to bridge the gap between policy and implementation.



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Dr Nipun Hazra, Founder of Jolchap, handing over a Huawei Nova 2i handset to Ashikur Rahaman Sajib, the winner of SnapNshoot, episode 3. SnapNshoot is a mobile photography and videography campaign jointly organised by The Daily Star and Huawei Nova 2i.



In 1952, the young people of Bangladesh took their voices to the streets of Dhaka, protesting the imposition of Urdu as the state language. They sacrificed their lives to retain the prestige of Bangla, our national identity and culture. Our brave and invincible martyrs inspire us all to be courageous, determined, and liberal. With due respect to the pure-hearted martyrs of 1952, The Daily Star and PRAN Milk brings to you a quiz competition on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day to encourage our readers to test their knowledge and learn more about the history of Bangla language.

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