



AAA holds 17th AGM and Election 2018

The election of the Executive Council of American Alumni Association of Bangladesh (AAA) for the term 2018-20 was held on April 28, 2018. The Association has elected Nusrat Feroz Aman, CEO of Ayat Skills, Director of Aman Group and Board Member of Presidency University, as its first female President. Arefeen Syed, Actor and Director of Ganges Group, and Rita Lohani, Country Director of Institute for Sustainable Communities were elected as the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Syed Almas Kabir, CEO of MetroNet Bangladesh Limited and Imtiaz Rasul, Consultant of Data Search were elected as Members of the EC.

AAA seeks to promote fellowship among American graduates, to assist its members to develop careers that use their abilities and education, and to maintain a database of skills that can be furnished to domestic and international users. AAA also gives scholarships to USA-bound students, assists visiting representatives of American colleges and universities, and aides Bangladeshi students exploring the possibility of studying in the USA. AAA also manages computer-based testing centre in Dhaka for students taking TOEFL, GRE and U.S. Medical Licensing Examinations.

Dr. M. Enamul Huq was the Election Commissioner, assisted by Golam Ahmed Faruqui, Md. Mozammel Haque, and Dr. Gazi Nurun Nahar Sultana.

Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Economic Advisor to PM is the Co-Chair and Founding President of AAA. Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, Ambassador of the United States to Bangladesh is the other Co-Chair of AAA.

DIU signs MoU with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission to strengthen education and research



Daffodil International University (DIU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) for cooperation and strengthening education and research in the field of nuclear science and engineering and related programmes. In this regard, an MoU signing ceremony was held on April 25, 2018 at the conference room of BAEC.

Mahabubul Haque, Chairman, BAEC and Prof. Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, VC, DIU signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutions.

Under this agreement, BAEC will allow undergraduate and graduate students as well as teachers of Nuclear Engineering and related subjects of DIU for research work on relevant topics at BAEC under the joint supervision of BAEC scientists/engineers and academic staff of the related Department of DIU.

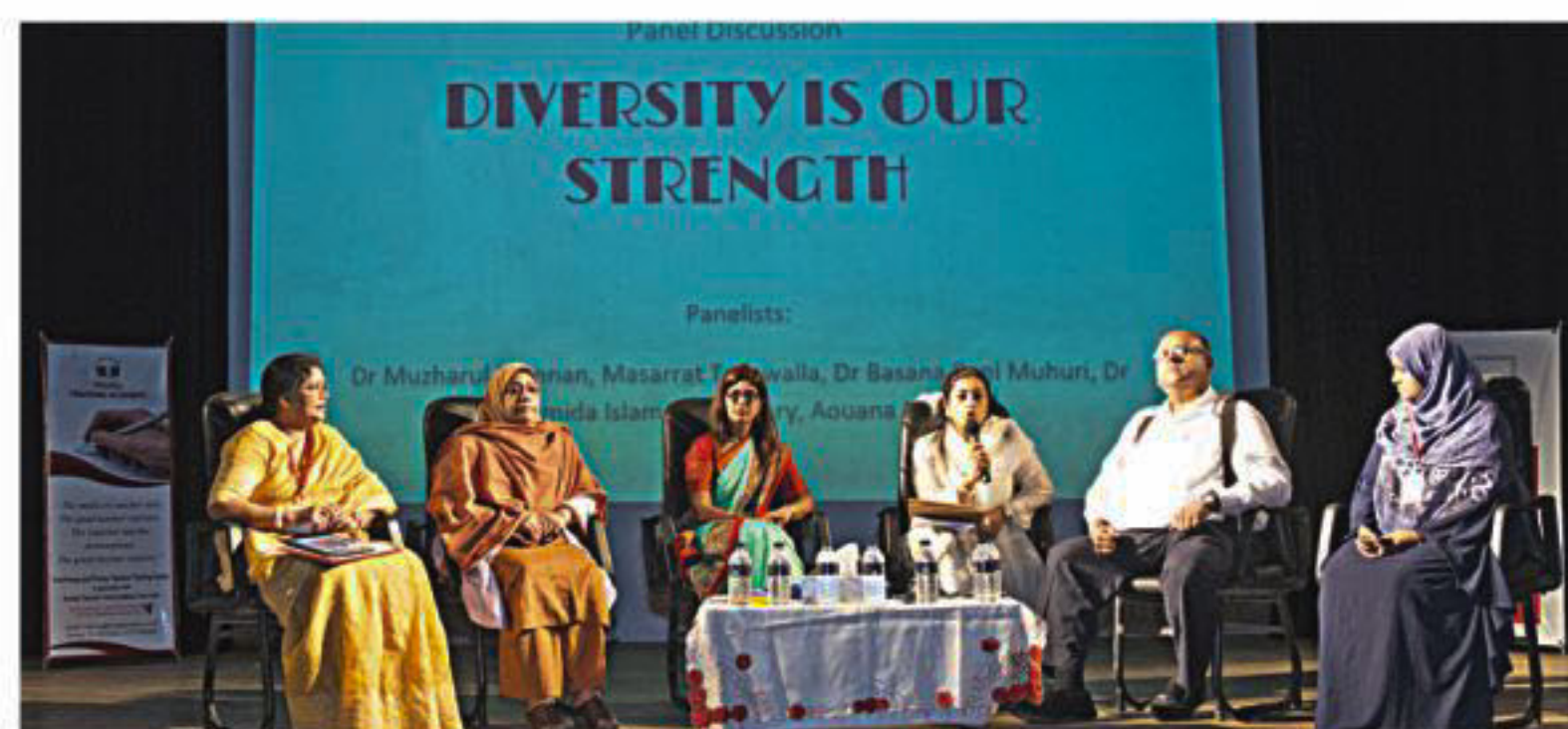
ULAB and BRACU jointly organise seminar on RMG sector governance

Center for Enterprise and Society (CES) of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) in conjunction with Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) Department of BRAC University (BRACU) organised a seminar titled "Governance after Rana Plaza: Reviewing the Ready-made Garments Sector after the Rana Plaza Disaster" at the ULAB Auditorium on April 23, 2018.

The seminar started with a presentation on research findings by Dr. Kazi Mahmudur Rahman, Associate Professor, ULAB, and Dr. Shahidur Rahman, Associate Professor, BRACU. The research focused on the state of the RMG sector with respect to labour safety and working conditions and progress made since Rana Plaza.

The presentation was followed by an expert panel comprising of Anne-Laure Henry-Greard, Deputy Programme Manager, Ready-made Garment Programme, ILO Country Office in Bangladesh; Vidya Amrit Khan, Director, Desh Group of Companies; Mikail Shipar, Former Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Bangladesh; and Prof. ATM Nurul Amin, Chairperson, Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS), BRACU.

Frobel Academy launches teachers' training courses



Frobel Academy inaugurated the Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training Course (PPTC) in association with Sunderji's Institutions at Theatre Institute, Chittagong on April 21, 2018. The panel discussions focused on bringing inclusive education to mainstream classrooms by integrating special needs for children and development of teachers' training courses to give professional opportunities to teachers. Director of Frobel Academy, Huwra Zohair, stressed to reform education and urged schools to come together under one platform and work together.

The one-year certificate course will start in August 2018 at the premises of Frobel Academy. Sunderji Teachers' Training Institute, Pune, India has developed the course, and master trainers from the institute will develop the local trainers to deliver the syllabus. The syllabus will impart knowledge about Child Development, Principles of Education, Methods and Materials of Education, English Fluency Programme, and also give an introduction to Special Needs Education as well as teaching skills needed in 21st century.

PPTC is valuable to any teacher who wishes to enhance their teaching skills and educational pedagogy. Forms for registration in PPTC can be downloaded from www.frobelacademy.com. The inauguration's chief guest was Prof. Shaheeda Islam, Chairman of Board of Secondary and Intermediate Education, and the guest of honour was Dr. Mazharul Mannan from Institute of Paediatric Neurodisorder and Autism (IPNA). Other guests included chairman and directors of BSRM Group of Companies, directors of Frobel Academy, and renowned educationist from other schools. A total of 240 participants from over 30 educational institutions and organisations participated in the event.



CMED Health from UIU AIMS Lab wins Seedstar Innovation Prize in Switzerland

CMED Health, the Dhaka-based preventive healthcare startup, has won the Innovation Prize by TAG Heuer at Seedstars Summit 2018 in Switzerland. This is the first time a startup from Bangladesh has won at a Seedstars competition. CMED Health initiative is a research outcome of Advanced Intelligent Multidisciplinary Systems Lab (AIMS Lab) of United International University (UIU), which is a great example of research commercialisation from academia to industry in Bangladesh.

"We are selected as the most innovative and revolutionary startup in line with how revolutionary TAG Heuer has been on the worldwide watch-making sector. This is a glorious moment for both CMED and Bangladesh," said Dr. Khondaker Abdullah Al Mamun, Founder and CEO of CMED in a statement. As the winner of Innovation Prize, CMED will receive a USD 50,000 equity investment from Seedstars World and join their growth programme.

Seedstars World runs the world's largest seed-stage startup competition in over 66 countries to source top talent and provide them with value added service such as mentoring, networking, and access to funding. This year, 66 innovative startups from 66 countries participated in the Global Summit from April 9-12 in Lausanne, Switzerland. CMED was selected among the top 12 startups and finally won the top innovation prize.

5 digital agencies participate in Facebook's Blueprint eLearning programme

With the growth of Internet connectivity, smartphone penetration, and social media, the digital marketing industry is gaining popularity in Bangladesh. As a result the number of digital agencies are also growing and they are playing a key role in supporting the digital ecosystem of the country by serving brands and different organisations.

A good number of agencies are now in this competitive market, and few of them are creating a mark on the global stage. Five digital marketing agencies have joined the exclusive Facebook Agency Directory upon meeting certain preset criteria, including having a minimum number of team members completing the Facebook Blueprint eLearning programme for the agencies. These agencies are GEEKY Social; Magnito Digital; Analyzen; Bitopi; and OnZ Solutions.