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FROM CHATTOGRAM**

Educational and cultural organisation Drishty Chattogram recently organised the fourth session of Drishty Chattogram Junior Model United Nations (DCJMUN), a shadow United Nations conference for school and college students. Since its inception in 1992, the organisation has been

working towards facilitating future leaders through different extra-curricular activities like debate competitions, recitation programmes and business idea contests. They started organising the DCJ MUN from 2015

"Model United Nations is popular in institutions around the world. We arranged this conference with the goal of facilitating teenagers," said Masud Bakul, president of

the organisation. "Leaders need to be moulded from an early age."

The theme of this year's conference was 'People, Prosperity, Peace; Pre-emptive Measures in a Changing World'. A total of 250 delegates from 30 different schools participated in a discussion on major issues like the Rohingya crisis, instability of oil prices in the global market and Sustainable Development Goals.

Students represented their respective countries as delegates during the conference. They discussed the topics, analysed the problems, reviewed and defended different proposals, voted on the new proposals and so on. They also received lessons on international diplomacy through interactions and dialogue during the conference.

"Through seeking attention of world leaders to put a stop to oppression on minorities

and calling on the global community to safeguard human rights for the citizens of Syria, the delegates emerge as global citizens prepared to fight for humanity in the future," said Masud Bakul.

The conference was incredibly helpful and productive for the participating students. Next year, Drishty Chattogram hopes to organise the conference on a larger scale, with international participants.

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Organised by eCarnivalBD, SkyWalk and Flora Limited, the prominent tech carnival, Youth Zest, was held from October 9 to 13 with over 850 young tech enthusiasts visiting the venue at Purana Paltan. The Daily Star, DBC News and Radio Dhoni 91.2 FM were the media partners and Debuggers Studio assisted the organisers in the web and app development section. The event consisted of e-sports competitions like DOTA 2, *Counter-Strike: GO*, *Vain Glory*, *Rainbow Six Siege*, *League of Legends*, *FIFA 18* and *Clash Royale*, a cosplay competition, a cosplay workshop conducted by Shadab Shayeree Ahmed, Ofelia Chakma and Rusmat Safin Prachhad, a project showcase, and a tech-talk session conducted by Nahidur Rahman from Dynamic Solution Innovators and Hossain Al Farabi, the founder of Spike Story. The programme closed with a concert by Soulmate Shall Die, Exenemy and #DirtyMind.

The winner of the cosplay competition was Sadia Mumtahna with Faria Chowdhury as the first runner-up. The winner of the DOTA 2 competition was Oshustho Returns with No



Strategy as the first runner-up. The Council won the *Counter-Strike: GO* competition with Red ViperZ as the first runner-up. CSBD Anonymous, Red ViperZ and Corrupted Legion were the consecutive winners of *Rainbow Six Siege*, *League of Legends* and *Vain*

Glory. MD Abrar Hossain Ador and Shoaib Akhter were the consecutive winners of *FIFA 18* and *Clash Royale*. Eye Movement Controlled Electric Wheelchair by Team FS<sup>2</sup> won the project showcase competition with Project Farmover by Team Atlas as the first

runner-up.

"Our aim was to provide young gamers, programmers, engineers, and artists with a platform where they can display their talents in the right environment," said the chairman of eCarnivalBD, Muntasar Alam Chowdhury. He plans to establish the term "cyber-athlete" as a well-recognised profession in Bangladesh in the future.

Tasnim Shagufta, a tenth grade student of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, said that she had an enjoyable learning experience at the programme. Renowned gamers like Waleed Monir in *FIFA 18*, Raahib Reza from Team Ousutho Returns (*DOTA 2*) and Mohiuddin Rahman Sajol from Team IBG (*DOTA 2*) shared that the organisers provided an e-sports supportive environment and despite the repetitive schedule changes, the facilities were good.

Youth Zest 2018 showed how passionate the Bangladeshi youth are about e-sports, arts and creativity. With the increasing possibilities in the e-sports sector, as a developing country, we must acknowledge its importance and help the industry to grow.



## YOUTH DESK

Primeasia University and Better Bangladesh Foundation (BBF) jointly organised a summit titled 'Youth in Innovation to Achieve SDG and Youth in Tourism to Achieve SDG' at the university's conference centre recently.

The international youth summit was conducted with the purpose of engaging the youth towards attaining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through innovation and tourism. Young delegates from over seven countries including Norway, Australia and UAE participated in the daylong summit.

Speaking as the chief guest, the Minister of Information, Hasanul Haq Inu said the youth can contribute towards achieving the SDGs by involving themselves in innovation and entrepreneurship. State Minister for the ICT Division, Zunaid Ahmed Palak was the guest of honour, while Primeasia University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury presided over the programme and BBF Founder and Chairman, Masud A Khan moderated the session. Norwegian Ambassador, Sidsel Bleken and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian High Commission, Penny Morton were also present. The Daily Star was a media partner of the event.

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