

Team Bangladesh shines bright at IYC 2018 in Nepal

The International Youth Conclave (IYC) 2018 was organised in Kathmandu, Nepal from December 14-16, 2018. Two hundred delegates, 25 mentors, and 5 speakers from 25 different countries around the world made the event successful. Through the four thematic sessions – climate change, entrepreneurship, economic growth, and good governance – IYC aimed to create a common platform and build consciousness for a better world.

Team Bangladesh comprised of 12 members and coordinators Bappaditya Basu and Nahida Jahan. Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal, Pradeep Kumar Gyawali was the chief guest. Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal Mashfee Binte Shams graced the occasion as a special guest. After the inauguration, international speaker Troyevan Saragih from Indonesia conducted a session on entrepreneurship.

The competitive sessions began on December 15. Team Bangladesh presented on the topic “Good Governance in Bangladesh: Problems and Solutions”. They were highly acclaimed for the unique solutions.

The IYC was cordially invited to the Embassy of Bangladesh in Nepal on December 16, 2018 to celebrate Victory Day. After the celebration, everyone attended the closing ceremony and cultural programme where performers from Afghanistan, India, Bangladesh and Nepal enthralled the audience. In the end, there was a video to commemorate the Victory Day which showed the history, culture, heritage and development of Bangladesh.

On December 17, Iftekhar Ahmed Sakib, Rassiq Aziz Kabir, and Ashik Ahmed from team Bangladesh were invited to a session on good governance between Nepal-Bangladesh youths organized by Madan Bhandhari Memorial College, under Tribhuvan University.

The next day, South Asia Partnership-Nepal and Setubandh awarded Ashik Ahmed, Iftekhar Ahmed Sakib, and Rassiq Aziz Kabir with “The Emerging Young Leader” title for outstanding contributions in inspiring the youth.

EU students organise “Winter Cloth Distribution Program”

Eastern University Social Welfare Club (EUSOWC) carried out a “Winter Cloth Distribution Program” on January 14, 2019 at Taranagar, Keraniganj. The BOT members, faculties, officials and students took steps towards contributing to the programme.

About 600 pieces of blankets were distributed among the needy and the less privileged people of Taranagar. A team of 13 members including the President Masum Billah and Secretary General Raushan Haider of the club travelled and distributed blankets among the people.

Among others Mosharof Hossain Faruq, Chairman, Taranagar Union Parishod; Faruq Hosain, a reputed local businessman; and Sohel Rana, Executive of OSA (Office of Students Affairs) were also present on the occasion. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sharmin Islam, Associate Professor and Coordinator of EUSOWC.



DIU holds “Startup Idea for Fund”

The final pitching session of “Startup Idea for Fund” was held on January 22, 2019 at Auditorium-71 of Daffodil International University (DIU) where 14 groups of entrepreneurs presented their final pitches in front of judges, investors, and prospective entrepreneurs. More than one hundred innovative ideas were submitted out of which only 56 ideas were shortlisted.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BOT, DIU was present as chief guest and judge where Syed Mizanur Rahman, Head, Department of General Educational Development; Golam Monowar Kamal, Managing

Director, Bangladesh Venture Capital Limited; Mohammad Shibli Shahriar, Head, Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship; Abu Taher Khan, Director, Career Development Center were also present as special guests and judges.

DIU always encourages students to become entrepreneurs. Before completing the graduation, the students are taught and mentored not to be a job seeker but to create employment for others. DIU organised the startup idea competition “Startup Idea for Fund” to support innovative ideas and create an entrepreneurial platform, organised by the Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, DIU.

PHIS celebrates Inter House Cultural Day

Pledge Harbor International School (PHIS) had its annual Inter House Cultural Day and all the houses just amazed the judges with their awesome performances. Activities wherein they choose the theme, write the script, guide the juniors for appropriate performances, prepare the props on the concept of best out of waste, all their learning outcomes are then outwitting performances.

The houses ensured that each child came up on the stage to perform. Students from KG to Class XII participated in the programme. There were contemporary dances, group songs, drama and a bilingual element was added to give respect to our mother tongue.

Judges had a difficult time assessing the students. They brought themes like ill effects of social media, and a rendition of A Midsummer Night's Dream did right justice to the bard. Democracy and its esteem in our world, along with satire and humour in the names of social joints were well enacted and emoted.

It's all about learning from a boarding house like Pledge Harbor International School where smart and well-balanced leaders are developed for tomorrow.



UAP hosts international joint studio with Dankook University



An international joint studio was conducted with the collaboration of University of Asia Pacific (UAP) in Bangladesh and Dankook University of South Korea, held on December 24, 2018 at UAP Auditorium.

The Department of Architecture, UAP, organised the studio from January 12-26, 2019 where a total of 20 students – 10 Bangladeshi and 10 Korean – took part in the joint design sessions. In the sessions, they attempted to provide solutions for the revival and urban reintegration of Panthapath and its surrounding area and connecting of the Dhanmondi Lake and Begunbari Khal.

The design addressed important issues like the connection of water bodies for re-connecting Dhaka's water networks. The students worked through rigorous site survey data which resulted in design interventions for the Panthapath road, the catchment market re-design, intervention of pocket spaces in between built forms and road networking and storage solutions for rickshaw.

The international joint studio was supervised and coordinated by Prof. Jae Wook Chung, Ar. Srijon Barua, and Ar. Saumyabrata Roy. The closing ceremony was attended by Pro-VC of UAP Prof. Dr. M. R. Kabir; the President of Institutes of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) Ar. Jalal Ahmed; former president of IAB and chief architect of Bangladesh government Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and many others.