

Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad camp begins at EU

The four-day long National Camp of International Olympiad for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) was inaugurated on May 25, 2019 at the permanent campus of Eastern University (EU) at Ashulia, Savar. Liaquat Hossain Moghul, Chairman, BOT, EU inaugurated the national camp as the chief guest.

In the National Camp, top 25 students from National Round participated, where they will be trained and evaluated for the Bangladesh IOAA team. The national camp ended on May 28, 2019 with a certificate-giving ceremony.

Bangladesh Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (BDOAA) is the national chapter of IOAA, which is a prestigious scientific Olympiad. The IOAA will be held in Hungary in August 2019. Regarding this, BDOAA has conducted eight events across Bangladesh from March 22 March. Earlier, the National Round was held on May 17, 2019 at University of Dhaka.

The inauguration programme was presided by Prof. Dr. Engr. Aminul Hoque, Advisor, Faculty of Engineering & Technology. Prof. Dr. Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology; Prof. Dr. Mirza Golam Rabbani, Head, Dept. of Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Coordinator of the National Olympiad; Dr. Md. Harun-or Rashid, Deputy Registrar, EU; Ahmad Abdullah Rifat, General Secretary of Bangladesh Olympiad on Astronomy & Astrophysics and other distinguished guests were present.



Social Services Club of SEU distribute clothes among underprivileged children

Social Services Club of Southeast University (SEU) organised a programme to distribute clothes among underprivileged children as a part of their social responsibility. The programme was organised at the seminar hall of SEU Main Building, Banani, Dhaka on May 26, 2019. More than 100 children received new clothes and food for Eid along with iftar. Prof. Dr. ANM Meshquat Uddin, VC of SEU; M. Kamaluddin Chowdhury, Representative Member of BOT, SEU Trust; Prof. Dr. Md.

Abu Taher, Pro-VC; Maj. Gen. Kazi Fakhruddin Ahmed (Retd.), Registrar; and Prof. Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Director, IQAC graced the occasion with their presence and distributed outfits to the children. Mohammad Imtiaz, Director of BCPR; Md. Jamal Uddin, Director of CPDS; Bahreen Khan, Asst. Professor, Department of Law and Justice; and Asst. Moderator of SEU Social Services Club and all member of Social Services Club were present in the programme.

NSU organises Annual Doa Mahfil and discussion on virtues of Ramadan



Social Services Club of North South University (NSUSSC) organised a discussion on the virtues of the holy month of Ramadan and the Annual Doa Mahfil at North South University (NSU) on May 26, 2019 at NSU campus.

Students, faculty members, and officials joined in prayers for the betterment of the University as well as the development of the nation. Besides, the sanctity and significance of the holy month of Ramadan were discussed during the event.

Assistant Professor of Dhaka University, Maulana Dr. Ahsanul Hadi was present as the main speaker and Mufti Muhammad Masud Rizvi was present as the special speaker during the discussion. Chairman of Partex Group, former MP and Chairman, BOT, NSU, MA Hashem was present as the chief guest. The discussion session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Atiqul Islam, VC of NSU. Former President of FBCCI, MA Kashem, Member, BOT, NSU and Pro-VC (Designate) of NSU, Prof. Dr. Gias U. Ahsan also took part in the discussion.

PHIS hosts PYP and MYP Exhibition

The end of term was eventful for all Pledge Harbor International School (PHIS) students, particularly Grade 5 PYP and Grade 10 MYP students. Grades 5 and 10 presented their "Personal Project", which is a vital part of both the Primary Years Programme and the Middle Years Programme. This is the final piece of work they produce before moving on to the next phase of their IB academic careers.

At Pledge Harbor, the concept of "positive education" is nurtured. Projects such as these instil an optimistic mindset among growing students.

The PYP students demonstrated attributes of the IB Learner Profile through their exhibition, which was centralised around the big idea: water. Students looked into the global goals, conservation, preservation and distribution of water and hydropower very closely. The displays included miniature prototype working models that the students used to show their perspectives and share their knowledge.

The Grade 10 MYP students presented a diverse range of topics including the effect of chemical-infused fruits on health, the impact of passive smoking, dengue awareness, designing an outer ring road for Dhaka and more. The students addressing the needs in their community exemplify the responsible global citizens that they have grown into. Being an IB World School, Pledge Harbor cultivates these attitudes and knowledge in students that enable caring and facilitate students to take action towards creating a better world.

Furthermore all MYP students from Grades 6-10 presented a topic from each subject of their curriculum. There were four performances: three plays and a Bangla song and dance show. The students were engaged all day, moving from one presentation to their next and excelling in each one.

The mission of the IB is to "nurture a culture that is creative, alert and flexible." The swiftness with which the students stepped into different roles throughout the day signifies that Pledge Harbor has successfully created such an environment for their students.

UIU team wins "Student to Startup, Chapter 1" organised by IDEA



Team "Stem Club" of United International University (UIU) won the "Student to Startup, Chapter 1" competition, organized by Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship Academy (IDEA) on May 16, 2019, at Sheikh Hasina Youth Center, Savar, Dhaka. The winners are Nihal Bhuiyan, Toriql Islam and Sadaf Meem. They secured the winning position with a seed fund worth BDT 10 lakh pitching on STEM learning for children on engineering education.

A total of 120 teams from 40 universities took part in the competition where top 10 ideas were selected by panelists. Post and Telecommunication Minister Mustafa Jabbar handed over the prizes to the winners. The competition was organised by IDEA in collaboration with the Centre for Research and Information (CRI).