

## Heritage School holds workshop on ethical and safe use of internet

A workshop on ethical and safe use of internet was organised by UNICEF, Grameenphone and champs21 at Heritage School, Narayanganj at October 21, 2019. Mostofa Amir Foysal, Moderator of champs21 and Mahfuzur Rahman Linkon, Representative, UNICEF attended the event. During the session they showed some videos of safe use of internet and ethical use of different social media platforms. Students of Heritage School learned about online security to secure their accounts by using strong passwords and share the events of online bullying with parents and teachers. After ending the session, Director of Heritage School Salim Miah delivered a valuable speech. He said that we should have knowledge how to use internet without disturbing anyone. Our activities should be legal and should not cross any ethical limits. Md. Hasan Khan, Chief Administrative of Heritage School thanked UNICEF, Grameenphone and champs21 for organising this event.



## SEU to host ICPC Dhaka Regional Onsite Contest

A meeting of the Executive Committee of ICPC (International Collegiate Programming Contest) Asia Regional 2019 - Dhaka Site hosted by Southeast University (SEU) was held recently. The meeting was chaired by the VC of SEU Prof. Dr. ANM Meshquat Uddin. Contest Director Prof. Dr. Abul Lais MS Haque, Associate Contest Director Shahriar Manzoor, and the Conveners of sub-committees were present in the meeting.

The contest will take place on November 15-16, 2019 at main campus of SEU. It was declared in the meeting that the prize giving ceremony will take place on November 16 at Jamuna Future Park. State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak will be present as the chief guest. National

Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, eminent educationist Professor Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and NM Zeaul Alam, Senior Secretary, ICT Division will be present as special guests. Md. Rezaul Karim, Chairman, BOT, SEU Trust has also agreed to be present in the programme.

The chief judge of the contest will be Prof. M Kaykobad of BUET and the Judging Director will be Hasnain Heickal, Assistant Professor of University of Dhaka. The main sponsors of this event are ICT Division, SSL Wireless, and Divine IT Ltd. Other sponsors are Surecash, Datasoft Ltd, Samsung R&D, Ispahani Group, and Rits Browsers; Walton Digi-Tech Industries is the hardware partner.

## IUBAT holds international conference on SDGs

A daylong international conference on "Challenges of SDGs for Developing Countries and Way Forward" was held at the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) recently. Loknath Sharma, Minister of Economic Affairs, Bhutan was present as the chief guest. Prof. Dr. Rajah Rasiah, distinguished professor, Asia Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya, Malaysia was the keynote speaker

of this conference. Dr. Shahadat Khan, of RMIT University, Australia was present as the special guest. Dr. Sanwar Hossain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration attended this programme as the guest of honour. Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab, VC of IUBAT chaired the conference. Mozaffar Alam Chowdhury, Convener of this programme welcomed all the guests and participants from home and abroad.

## MASTER READER

# "Reading keeps me updated about what goes around in the world."

A CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star's new campaign, "Master Reader", in association with Igloo Ice Cream, recently travelled south of the country to encourage the habit of reading among young children. The programme was arranged in three schools in the port city of Chattogram on October 29-31, 2019.

The programme, along with of fun games and competitions, tests the students' vocabulary, reading, and public speaking skills. Group 1 has students from Classes 5 and 6, while Group 2 is for students of Classes 7 and 8.

The schools that participated on the Chattogram leg of the Master Reader journey were Sunshine Grammar School, Cider International School, and International Hope School Bangladesh (Chattogram Branch). The students from each school showed enthusiasm in the tasks presented and were especially thrilled to take part in the competitions. The Daily Star team, too, were impressed at the reception and hospitality of the schools.

In each school, Group 1 students sat for a reading competition. Students were asked to read a SHOUT article in front of a panel of judges. The students were then given scores based on their speed, fluency, grammar, punctuation, and engagement while reading.

The senior group, Group 2, took part in a public speaking competition. Students of this group were given time to read a specific article on SHOUT and then prepare a speech loosely based on the premise of the article. Their speeches were scored on the basis of content, style, delivery, and interaction.

The school children also participated in a competitive game of crossword puzzle. At the end of each group's segment, the scores from the competitions and the word game were summed up and one student from each group was selected as the group winner.

Students from the prestigious Sunshine Grammar School showed a real interest in English language; many of them wanted more of such events in the future. At Cider

International School, students took time out of their busy class schedules for the chance to be a Master Reader. Quite a few of them were in traditional Bengali attire as a poetry recitation was scheduled later in the day.

The impromptu speeches by students at the Chattogram branch of International Hope School Bangladesh were a treat to watch. The topic of the day "How my favourite female fictional character inspires me" drew interesting extempore speeches, and students spoke their hearts out about figures from books, movies, and television series.

"I try to read books and newspapers regularly. Reading keeps me updated about what goes around in the world," said a Class 7 student.

Each school round winners will get a chance to represent their institutions during the final round of Master Reader, where they will be competing for the championship title against students from other English medium schools from all over the country early next year.

