

International Student Identity Card launches in Bangladesh

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Students have all kinds of expenses that pile up in the span of a single month. Be it for buying books, transportation costs, travels or anything else in between. Keeping all this in mind, the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) was created to help students with their everyday expenses all around the world.

For the first time, the ISIC card has launched in Bangladesh, so students here can now become a part of the global community of over 110 million students. The card not only brings financial benefits for students who are using it at home and abroad, but it also encourages cultural integration in the increasingly global landscape of the world.

Starting its operations in the Netherlands back in 1953, ISIC has now reached students in 133 countries across the globe. The card was made to help students everywhere gain access to various facilities that include discounts in stores, restaurants, hotels, airlines, music shows, theme parks etc.

Moreover, the ISIC card has been endorsed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Or-



ganization (UNESCO), UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and World Youth Student and Educational (WYSE) Travel Confederation.

ISIC also has a list of global partners that include The Economist, MasterCard Worldwide, British Council, EF Education First, Microsoft, Financial Times, Specsavers, McDonald's, STA Travel among others.

"It is a great opportunity for all students in Bangladesh to obtain the ISIC and gain access to many opportunities for a very affordable price. We hope the card helps students venture into the world and experience all that our ISIC partners have to offer worldwide," said Borhan Uddin, CEO,

ISIC Bangladesh.

With all the different kinds of expenses a student has to deal with, ISIC provides an easy and one stop solution for bringing students the best discounts and access to student driven services. ISIC also have an app from where you can browse through over 150,000 discounts all over the world.

The card comes in three different categories: International Student Identity Card (ISIC), International Youth Identity Card (IYIC), and International Teacher Identity Card (ITIC). Anyone at the age of 12 or above, currently enrolled in a school or university in Bangladesh is eligible for the ISIC. If you're 30 or younger (subject to conditions), you will be eligible for the IYIC. While for the ITIC, anyone working as a full-time teacher or professor will be considered eligible to apply.

In order to apply, students need a copy of their passport size photo, a document that proves the student's full-time student status, a copy of the student's NID or passport. The card costs BDT 590 for a span of 16 months, starting from the date of issuing the card.

To find out more, visit their website at www.isicbd.org



ULAB organises seminar titled "Generation Equality Dialogue"

The ULAB Social Welfare Club organised a seminar titled "Generation Equality Dialogue". The seminar was delivered by Farah Kabir, National Director of Actionaid Bangladesh, actor and Director Afzal Hossain, and cartoonist Nasreen Sultana Mitu. The welcome speech and vote of thanks was given by Selima Quader Chowdhury, advisor to the ULAB Social Welfare Club.

The seminar raised awareness of gender-based violence in Bangladesh, and how to eliminate violence against women. A cordial atmosphere prevailed throughout the seminar, and a Q&A session was held with the speakers, university faculty members, students and guests.

An artwork exhibition titled #FemiToon was also inaugurated in ULAB Campus A by Pro-VC Prof. Shamsad Mortuza to observe 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women. Prof. Imran Rahman, special advisor to the ULAB Board of Trustees, the seminar's distinguished speakers, students and faculty members were present at the inauguration ceremony.



AIUB holds Virtual Reality Conference 2019

American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) held the first-ever Virtual Reality Conference (VR CON) in Bangladesh that focused on introducing the youth to the technology. The two-day long event was held December 6, 2019, organised by Bangladesh Innovation Forum.

Prof. Dr. Sazzad Hossain, Member, University Grant Commission (UGC) was the chief guest of the inauguration ceremony. He said, "Virtual reality and augmented reality are wonders in the digital world. The whole world is excited about it. I hope that this initiative will inspire people to know more about the technologies."

Abdul Hye, Project Director, Skill Development for Mobile Game & Application, Ministry of ICT, was the special guest of the inauguration ceremony, while Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna, VC, AIUB was the programme chair.

There were approximately ten technical seminars on augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and gaming at the event and workshops on VR Game with Unity, VR Pipeline and Augmented Reality applications. Moreover, a project display of the institutions who work with VR and AR gaming was also part of the programme. Live to Web was the Live Streaming Partner; Techshohor.com was the Media Partner; and E-Soft was the E-Ticket Partner for the conference. Impressive VR and Bangla Puzzle also supported the event.

SEU to host ICCIT 2019

A meeting of the various Committees of 22nd International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT) 2019 hosted by Southeast University (SEU) was held recently. The meeting was chaired by the VC of SEU Prof. Dr. AFM Mafizul Islam. Prof. Dr. ANM Mesquat Uddin, Adviser of BOT; Maj. Gen. Kazi Fakhruddin Ahmed (Retd.), Registrar; Prof. Dr. Muhibul Haque Bhuyan, Chair of the Organizing Committee and the conveners and members of different sub-committees were present in the meeting. The conference will take place during December 18-20, 2019 at SEU Permanent Campus, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Articles from various countries including USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Japan, China, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, India and Finland will be presented at the conference. Prominent researchers from USA and Japan will attend the conference as speakers. This year's ICCIT is being hosted to provide a unique opportunity for the computer and information technology professionals, scientists, engineers, educators, researchers and students from all over the world to exchange their scientific ideas, views and thoughts with fellow researchers and participants.

NSU hosts Intra University Debate Championship 2019

The North South University (NSU) Intra Debate Championship 2019 was held from November 22 – December 1, 2019. Ph factor was the title sponsor for the event; SHOUT was Youth Engagement Partner; HiFi Public was Online Media Partner; champs21 was E-Learning Partner; Advance Attire was Apparel Partner; Bangladesh Protidin was Print Media Partner; News24 was Media Partner; and Radio Today was Radio Partner.

The debate championship had both Bangla and English debate competitions, where any student from NSU could participate. The Bangla segment was comprised of 10 teams with four preliminary rounds, a semifinal and a final debate. The winner of the Bangla segment was team Hulk consisting of Safat Ullah Chowdury, Pallob Poddar, Irfan Al-goni Zarif. The debater of the finals for the Bangla segment was Safat Ullah Chowdury.

For the English segment, Team Wonder Woman comprising of Momotaz Rahman Megha, Nivana Mostafi Kamal and Al Zaid Bin Plabon became champions. Momotaz Rahman Megha was the debater of the finals.

The debater of the tournament title went to Riadul Islam Joy and Tarikul Islam Hridoy for the Bangla segment and for the English segment, the title went to Momotaz Rahman Megha, Aarshe Tashfia and Shadman Karim.

The keynote speaker for the closing ceremony was Ivan Ahmed Katha, President, Sachetan Samajseba Hijra Sangha who inspired students with her stories of integrating into the society. The closing ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. Abdun Noor Tushar, CEO, Nagorik TV as special guest. Benajir Ahmed, Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU was the chief guest.