

## SUB arranges seminar titled "Way to Women Economic Empowerment"

Labaid Group and State University of Bangladesh (SUB) jointly organised a seminar on March 7, 2020 titled "Way to Women Economic Empowerment" in occasion of International Women's Day at Scholars Inn, Dhaka. Speakers of the seminar expressed their views that without independent and sovereign empowerment of women, the trend of social progress could not be accelerated at all. And in order to accelerate the pace of social progress, the first thing we need to do is increase the economic power and affordability of women, which will help them to stand firm in the decision making process of family and society.

Parisa Shamim, member of the Board of Trustees of SUB presented the keynote paper in the seminar. In her presentation, she said that a project called Swapdana has been launched to create new women entrepreneurs on behalf of the Labaid Foundation. Under this project, loan, grants and other assistance will be provided to the potential women entrepreneurs from the Labaid Foundation. On the other hand, the SUB will provide training and other skills development assistance to the women.

Prof. Robaet Ferdous, Advisor to the Department of Journalism, Communication & Media Studies of SUB moderated the seminar. Representatives of the civil society and senior officials and teachers from Labaid Group and SUB attended the programme.

## SEU students take part in 13th SAUFEST in India



A team of four students from Southeast University (SEU) participated at the 13th South-Asian Universities Youth Festival (13th SAUFEST) held from February 24-28, 2020 at Kurukshetra University, India. Association of Indian Universities (AIU) organised the Festival. The concept of organising SAUFEST is to make active collaboration and mutual assistance among the South-Asian countries in Educational, Social, Cultural and Economic field. The key objective of the fest is "Connect, Compete, and Celebrate" and is to strengthen the unity and harmony among the participating countries. The activities held during the fest included poster making, light vocal, mime, folk orchestra, folk dance, elocution, debate, clay modelling, classical dance, and seminars. During the fest, SEU student Md. Shakawat Hossain and Bidhan Chandra Dey performed folk dance and clay modelling, and Yeasin Arafat Omi performed music. Md. Mejbaur Rahamn Miju participated in debate and elocution competitions. About 700 student delegates participated in the festival from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Mauritius, Nepal, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. SEU team received certificates, gold medal and memento for being part of 13th SAUFEST.

## BUFT organises Spring 2020 orientation programme

BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) organised an orientation programme for the newly admitted students of Spring 2020 semester at its main campus in the capital.

BUFT arranged the function on March 1, 2020 for students in the following programs: B.Sc. (Hons) in AMT, FDT, KMT, TE, TEM, IE, English, BBA, and Master's programmes.

VC Prof. Dr. S.M. Mahfuzur Rahman; Pro-VC, Prof. Dr. Engr. Ayub Nabi Khan; Treasurer Prof. Dr. Md. Abdul Jalil; Registrar Md. Rafiquzzaman; Dean of Faculty of Business Studies Prof. Md Muinuddin Khan; Dean of Faculty of Apparel Studies Prof. Dr. Mohd. Ekram Ali Shaikh; Dean of Faculty of Textile Engineering Prof. Dr. Engr. Abu Bakr Siddique; and Dean of Faculty of Engineering Studies Dr. Sirajul Karim Choudhury addressed the audience.

Directors of Student Welfare, Planning & Administration, CFO, Head of Logistics, all Heads of the academic and administrative departments, faculty members, officials, staff of BUFT, the newly admitted students and their guardians were present at the function.

## PHIS students participate in leadership camp in Habiganj



A total of 38 students from Pledge Harbor International School (PHIS), ranging from grades 6 to 12 took part in a three-day camp organised by Leadership Camp Jogodishpur. The students along with four staff members travelled to Madhupur, Habiganj and were welcomed by Camp Leader Adnan Chowdhury and his team.

The students were put into groups and received their itineraries for the three days, along with the camp rules, etiquettes and learned about the activities that they would participate in. Some activities the students engaged in were: climbing trees and fruit picking, preparing campfires, and setting up tents. The mornings started with yoga exercises; they also

helped prepare their own meals and wash up after they were done. Along with learning basic survival skills, the students were also able to explore the local area. They paid a visit to an orphanage where they learned about the lifestyle and education system in rural Bangladesh. On the third day, they visited Satchari National Park and took part in a two-hour trek through the amazing forest escorted by a local guide.

The purpose of this trip was to allow the students to understand the importance of teamwork, self-dependence, appreciate nature, and know our obligation towards the world we live in. Instilling values as such is crucial to Pledge Harbor's ethos as we strive to build future leaders. The trip taught the students how to harbour new skills within their own arsenal to become both independent learners and cooperative workers. It allowed them to appreciate their privileges and what nature has to offer to become creative and compassionate thinkers. Expanding the realm of their experiences to the world around them helped equip our students to make the world their learning ground to become lifelong learners.


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